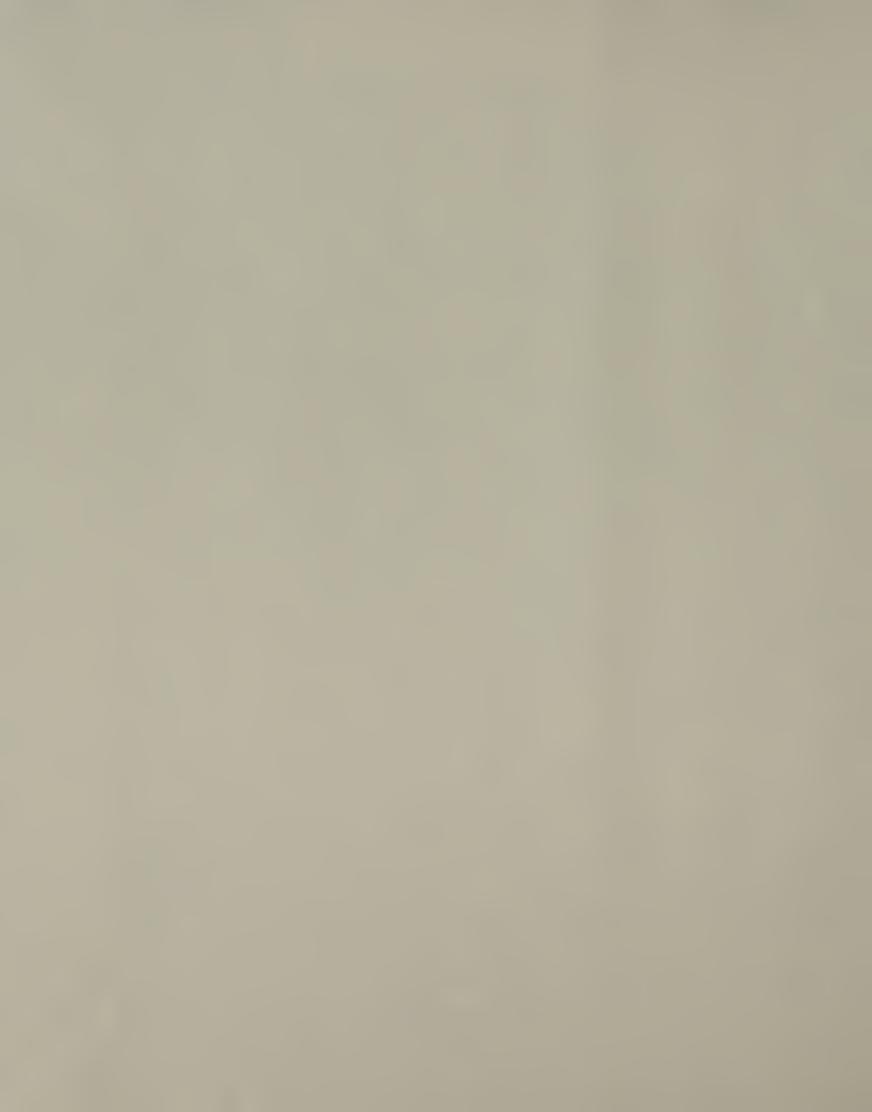
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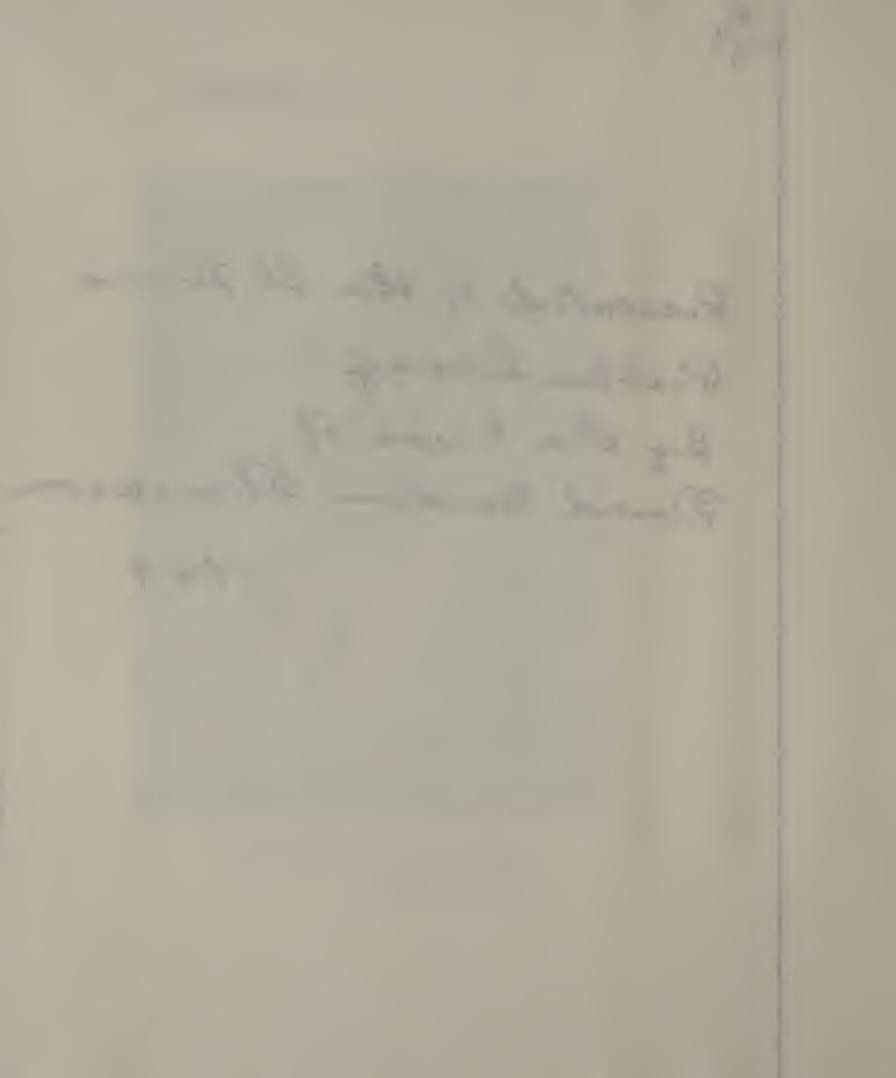
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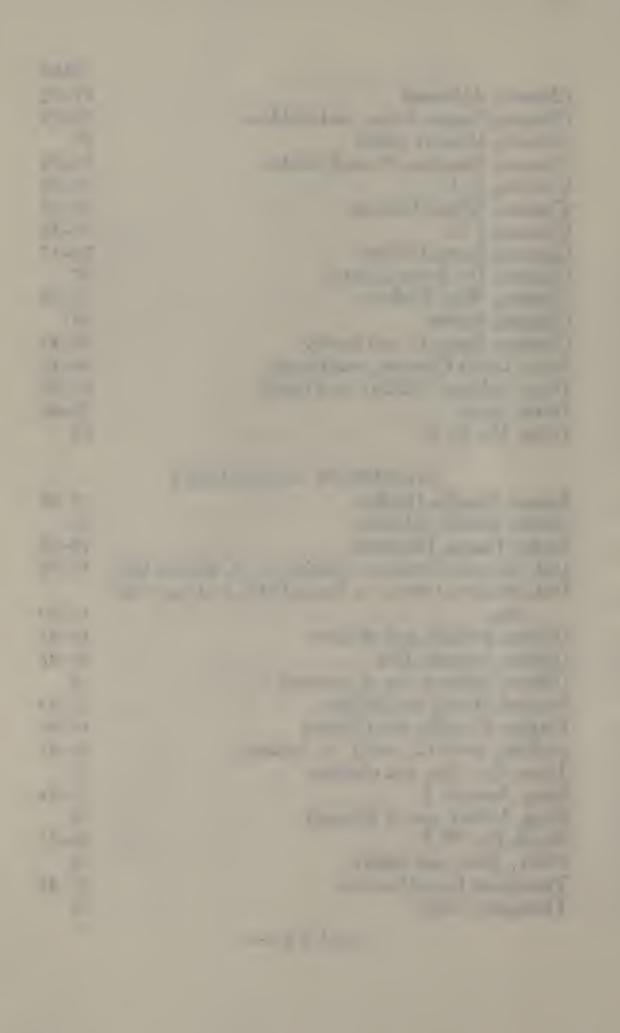
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#### **PREFACE**

This genealogical history of Gordon Thompson and wife, Jane Clemens Thompson, my father and mother, was undertaken partly at the request of many of my relatives, but largely on my own initiative, for the purpose of preserving for this and succeeding generations of our families a satisfactory record of their ancestry and descendants.

This history has been many months in preparation beyond the expectation at the beginning of the effort. It has been necessary to write many descendants of both their families for information as to the names of parents and children; their marriages and residences. Many of them scattered through the West to California and through the East to the seaboard.

It has required the sifting of the information received to recognize and distinguish the mere traditional from the certainty of facts obtained. This has been accomplished by correspondence with a great many members of the various families under consideration.

Then too, it has required a great deal of time in research work in the Genealogy departments of the public libraries of different cities and states to establish the ancestry of both families. This has been quite successful to a satisfying

degree as to the Clemens family, and only a

little less so as to the Thompson family.

Although much time and effort have been spent on the preparation of the book, I feel that it is still far from complete. However, I have faith to believe that the readers will realize the magnitude of the task undertaken, and will appreciate the perplexing difficulty of compiling a family history entirely free from error.

The writer owes much and hereby acknowledges his gratitude to the many friends and relatives who have aided him so greatly in gathering the facts and data appearing in this family history. Among this large number special mention must be made of Minerva Azelie Clemens Love, John C. Clemens, Stella Thompson Wallace, Thomas and Olive V. Gullett, Celia King Vaughn Scott, Henry Pinkney Sutherland, Mabel Usrey, Mrs. Katie Floyd Flannery, Theodore McCoy, James DeWitt Clemens, Mamie S. Shrack, Mary Gilbert, Otto Sutherland, Mrs. Uriah Sutherland, Charles Sutherland, Julius Sutherland, Laura E. Wellman, Amby and Loren Floyd, Mabel S. Cox, and many others, whom want of space forbids mentioning.

I also desire to name in memorial remembrance some of my near and dear relatives who passed on in the year 1939, while this genealogy was in

preparation.

1. Holyace Gilbert, son of my sister Amanda Jane Gilbert-King, successful farmer, owner of a farm in Sangamon County, Illinois,

2. Dr. Adolphus G. Mizell, son of my sister Maranda Mizell, practicing physician of high standing in Shelbyville, Illinois,

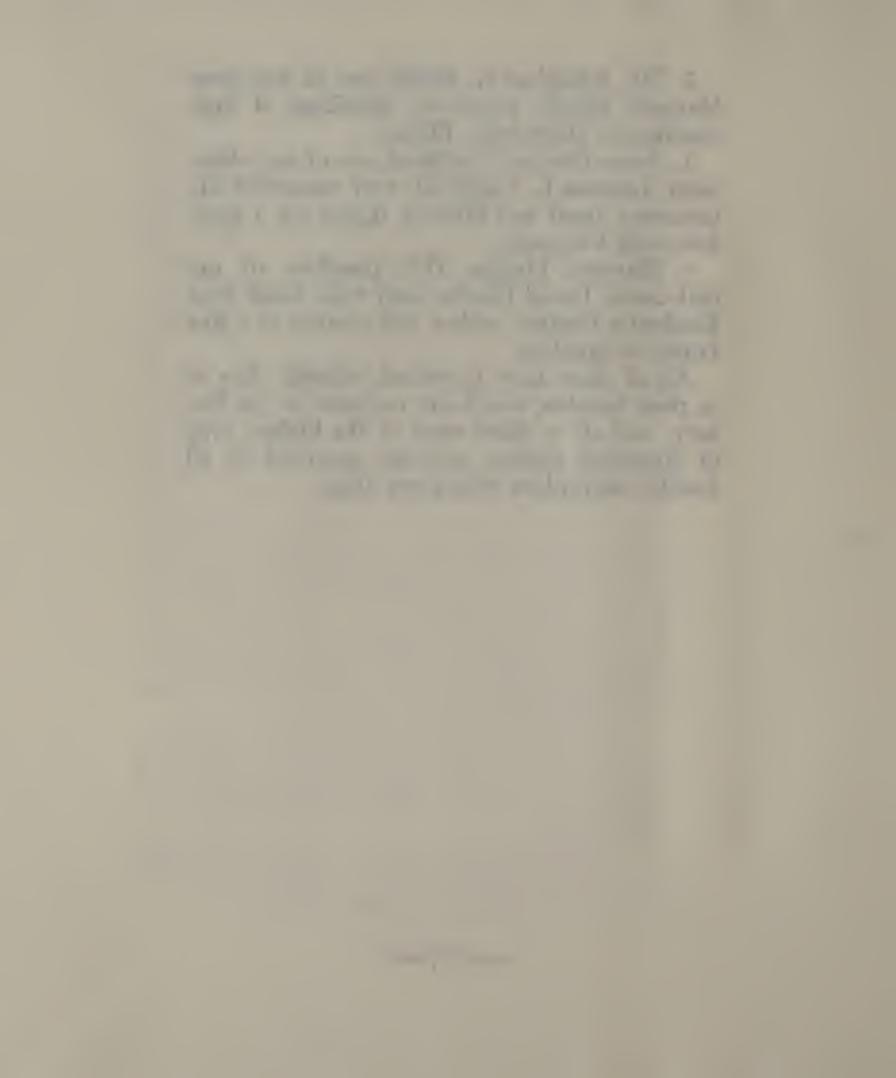
3. James Gordon Threlkeld, son of my oldest sister, Louama E. Threlkeld, very successful life insurance agent and District Agent for a great

Insurance Company,

4. Marietta Hughes Dill, daughter of my half-uncle, David Hughes, and wife, Sarah Ann Kimberlin Hughes, widow and mother of a fine

family of children.

All of these have furnished valuable data as to their families, which are included in this history; and all of them were of the highest type of American citizen, who are mourned by all families and others who knew them.



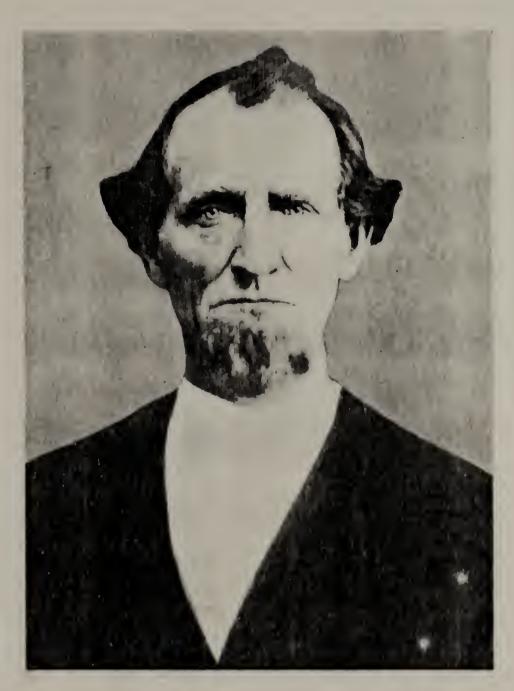


## PERSONAL TRIBUTE TO MY WORTHY FATHER—GORDON THOMPSON

Born and bred to life on the farm in Old Virginia, Gordon Thompson was voluntarily transplanted to the same life in Southern Illinois. Illustrating his filial regard for his widowed mother, who was left with her fatherless children in the wilds of the Southern Illinois forest, he traversed on horseback, the intervening territory—over mountains, through valleys and rugged forests—between his home in Southwestern Virginia and his mother's home in

Southern Illinois, in 1835–1836.

Gordon was born December 18, 1813, the oldest of three children of John and Isabelle Anderson Thompson. His father having died when Gordon was quite young, leaving the widow with three young children, his mother placed him, the oldest, with her father to be reared and educated. Becoming of age, he made the trip to Illinois with but one thought in mind, to visit and help his mother, who had remarried and gone to that distant state, and was again widowed, with young children to rear. Upon reaching her, he sold his faithful horse and with the proceeds bought for her a tract of Government land, a home where she spent the remainder of her life.



GORDON THOMPSON



After providing for his mother he expected to return to his Virginia home, but failure to collect proceeds of a crop of tobacco which he had grown and shipped, necessitated his staying another year in Illinois. By this time he recognized the possibilities of this new country, covered by fine forests of timber of many valuable varieties, and inhabited by deer, wild turkey and many kinds of small game, he remained here and entered successively other lands from the U. S. Government aggregating 400 acres. In the meantime he met comely Jane Clemens, daughter of Gershom Clemens of Kentucky, and made her his wife, a most happy event in the lives of both of them. Gordon prospered, reduced much of his 400 acre farm to cultivation, and engaged in live stock and crop farming with other farm enterprises.

Recognized as a prominent substantial citizen he was prevailed upon to accept the office of Justice of the Peace; but as it was not to his liking, he resigned from the Justice of the Peace Office and gave himself to aiding in the development of school and church and other community upbuilding. Along this line was his gift of five acres of his farm land for a school site and the construction of the school building on this land, which has continued as the district school to this day, and continues to be called the "Thompson School." Further along this line, he furnished and hauled the logs from his farm to the mill and delivered the lumber for the C. P. Church

known as the Palestine Church, and as building trustee, had much to do in the construction of a large, commodious neighborhood church building.

As a public spirited citizen, he with three or four other prominent citizens, interested in agriculture and stock raising and related industries, organized the first annual agricultural and stock fair association in his home county, which association has continued annual fairs to this day; and for many years he was a patron of the fair association, exhibiting from time to time pure bred sheep, mules and other stock and agricultural products, thus contributing to the interest and success of the fair.

In further illustration of the part that he played in the development of the country, he, together with some neighbors and other prominent men, formed an Anti-Horse-Thief Association in order to combat the frequent ravages of horse thieves in that timber country. Later the State Legislature passed a law authorizing the incorporation of such associations to enforce the law against that character of crime, which had become frequent and burdensome to the country.

This organization spread over a large territory and embraced persons of high standing in farming communities and cities. Numerous members were appointed deputy sheriffs, and by a well devised plan the horse thief was traced and chased, in most cases the property being recov-

ered and the thieves arrested and convicted. This organization continued for many years, until the criminals became aware that the territory where an Anti-Horse-Thief Association existed was not a healthy place for the horse thief.

The long life of Gordon Thompson in the community where he was well known by the public generally, who familiarly called him "Uncle Gord," was characterized by loyalty to his country, integrity and fair dealing among his fellow men, which endeared him to all the people; finally he was stricken with pneumonia and passed on at the age of a little more than 78 years, revered by his family, honored and respected and loved by all his neighbors and friends.

#### THE THOMPSON ANCESTRY

Family History of the Family of Gordon Thompson and his Wife, Jane Clemens Thompson—Compiled by Their Youngest Son, David Gordon Thompson

At the outset may I say that this family history is not complete, but includes such data as I have been able to obtain from the available

sources at my command.

In the history of Virginia the families of the name of Thompson have been numerous since its earliest settlement. Of the various families of Thompsons, some of them immigrated from Ireland, some of them from Scotland and some from England so that it is difficult to trace each family through the colonial period to its fountain head. We find from the history of Virginia that the Thompson families from each of these sources have spread throughout the State of Virginia and also into other states, especially Alabama, Tennessee, Kentucky and various of the other Southern States as well as some of the Western and Northern States, and also into what is now known as West Virginia. (Martin's History of West Virginia.)

One of the Thompson heads, Rev. John Thompson, a Presbyterian Minister of colonial

days, came from Bantry Bay or from County Down, Ireland, in 1715. He was twice married and had the following children:

1. Rev. Samuel Thompson, also a Presbyterian Minister.

2. Sarah Thompson, who married Rev. Richard Sanchey.

3. Elizabeth Thompson, married and moved

to Center, North Carolina.

4. Esther Thompson, married Samuel Crocket, also born in Bantry Bay, Ireland, 1766, who lived in what is now the Eastern part of Wythe County, Virginia; Crocket having died, she married William Sayers of that territory; from which family numerous descendants of the Thompson's and allied names spread over Southwestern Virginia. Some of these were soldiers in the Revolutionary War, many of whom received grants of land for their services in the Army.

Another family of Thompsons immigrated to Eastern Virginia from Scotland. The name of this ancestor was Jesse Thompson. He came to Virginia in 1771 and acquired a large tract of land from Lord Fairfax in "Manor of Leeds." Jesse and his wife had eleven children, and by his will he divided a large amount of real and personal property among them. The history of this family, page 146 of Vol. 5, History of Virginia, contains this statement: "Sterling patriotism has been a predominant characteristic of the Thompson Family in all generations."

In 1635 William Thompson, age 22, came to America from England in the ship "George" and Edward Thompson, age 24, came in the ship known as the "Transport." Both these were heads of families of Thompsons spreading over parts of Virginia, and their descendants migrated to Alabama in the settlement of that state, as stated on page 469 of Early Settlements of Alabama, Part 1.

In an attempt to establish accurately the ancestry of my father, Gordon Thompson, we are met with the complexity of the various families of Thompson, and, therefore, I have been unable so far to indicate definitely his early ancestry. However, I am inclined to the opinion that the John Thompson, late from Ireland as before mentioned, is his most likely ancestor.

Gordon Thompson was born in (Wythe) Giles County, Virginia, December 18, 1813—his father, John Thompson, died when Gordon was quite young; and his mother, Isabelle, being left with three young children, placed Gordon, her oldest, with her father, Jacob Anderson, a planter, of the same state, to rear and educate. When Gordon became of age, his grandfather gave him a horse, saddle, and bridle, suit of clothes (the common award in such cases), and some money; and he on horseback traversed the intervening wilderness from Virginia to Pope County, Illinois, settling on government land; in the meantime his mother was again widowed

and to insure her a home he sold his horse and with its proceeds entered from the government the land on which she was living, expecting to

return to his Virginia home.

He cleared some land of timber and raised a crop of tobacco, marketed it in New Orleans by flat boat on the Ohio and the Mississippi Rivers, then the only means of freight transportation; but the consignee became bankrupt, and Gordon did not receive any compensation for his crop of tobacco. Becoming better acquainted with the country, he cleared more land and planted another crop. In the meantime he met my mother, Jane Clemens, born December 6, 1813, a goodly young woman, and married her on December 24, 1839. He settled on land adjoining his mother's, built a log house for a home, and thus in time founded a large farm of 400 acres, where he prospered and raised a family of seven children to maturity, three sons and four daughters.

The beloved wife and mother, Jane Clemens Thompson, was frail and weakened by an attack of the dreadful disease, smallpox, contracted from nursing a furloughed sick soldier from the army who stopped at her hospitable home. She recovered from this disease, but in a few weeks succumbed to the more dreaded disease of typhoid fever, and so passed from this life into the Christians' home above on November 8, 1862, a most lovable, patient, self-sacrificing Christian wife and mother and a friend of all. Later

Gordon married on December 21, 1864, Louisa J. Williams, born November 18, 1826, who proved a good, faithful stepmother to the orphaned children of the first wife, and she obtained and held the love of the children and the whole community; she had no children.

Gordon Thompson passed away January 28, 1892, on his farm where he had lived since coming to Illinois and was buried at the family graveyard on his own farm by the side of his wife Jane; and later Louisa, the second wife, was buried in the same burying ground, she having died on the same farm in 1907, also a noble, faithful, good woman.

There were born to Gordon and Jane Clemens

Thompson the following children:

1. Louama Elizabeth Thompson, b. October 21, 1840; d. January 1, 1936, aged 95 years. She was m. to Thomas B. Threlkeld, and to this union were born:

a. George Newton Threlkeld, m. Emma

Belford; had issue:

- a1. Edward Threlkeld, m. 1st Easter Rossinger, by whom he had three children; 2nd Tiny, by whom he had two children. Had issue:
  - aa1. Earl Threlkeld, m.
  - aa2. Oscar Threlkeld, m.
  - aa3. Vera Threlkeld, m. Rottman.
  - aa4. Edd Threlkeld, Jr.
  - aas. Mary Threlkeld.
  - a2. Harry Threlkeld, m. Orpha Taylor;

d. in hospital; was, at the time of his death, chairman of County Republican Central Committee of Pope County and an influential citizen; lived on a farm near Golconda, Illinois. Had issue:

aa1. George Taylor Threlkeld, unmarried; school teacher.

aa2. Ina May Threlkeld, unmarried; school teacher.

aa3. Donald Threlkeld, high school student.

aa4. Calvin Threlkeld, unmarried.

aas. William (Billy) Threlkeld, un-

a3. Guy Threlkeld, m. Ruby Reeb; live on old home farm of his mother. Had issue:

aa1. Paul Reeb Threlkeld.

aa2. Clara Threlkeld.

a4. Ruby Alice Threlkeld, m. Lahannis; she is a widow; lives in Chicago, Illinois.

as. Luella Threlkeld, m. Harris; widow —now Luella Harris, Chicago, Illinois.

b. Fannie Threlkeld, m. Willis Cosby; d.

January 1, 1937. Had issue:

b1. Raymond Cosby, m. 1st Bertha Chamberlin, who d. January 1, 1929; 2nd Lela Harrelson Booker, March 10, 1931; live at Normal, Illinois, where they are instructors in the Illinois Soldiers' and Sailors' Children's School. Had issue by first wife only:

bb1. Edward Leo Cosby, b. 1912; m.

Frances Wickwire of Elmwood, Illinois; baker at Oak Hill, Illinois. Had issue:

bbb1. Edward Leo Cosby, Jr., b.

1938.

bb2. Lawrence Lloyd Cosby, b. 1916; m. Jean Baumflek; Assistant Superintendent of Jefferson Building, Peoria, Illinois; no children.

bb3. Alice Lucille Cosby, b. 1921; stenographer at Illinois Soldiers' and Sailors' Children's School, Normal, Illinois; unmarried.

b2. Dudley Cosby, unmarried; lives at 805 Howett Street, Peoria, Illinois; Real Estate Broker. Had one adopted son:

bb1. Gerald Cosby, b. 1929.

- c. James Gordon Threlkeld, m. Blanche Alice Officer, January 18, 1888; was a leading insurance agent; became district superintendent of Central Insurance Co.; d. 1939; widow lives at 3020 North Third Street, Phoenix, Arizona. Had issue:
- c1. Clyde Hollis Threlkeld, Phoenix, Arizona; associate editor of Arizona Republic, large daily newspaper of Phoenix, Arizona; m. Julia Renner, who d. Had issue:

cc1. Richard Renner Threlkeld, b.

1924; in high school.

cc2. Julia Ann Threlkeld, b. 1926.

c2. Gayle Flora Threlkeld, m. Ralph B. Sparks, who d.; teacher in city schools in Phoenix, Arizona. Had issue:

cc1. James Graydon Sparks.

c3. James Graydon (Don) Threlkeld,

m. Millie Bartlett; live on farm near Kalamazoo, Michigan. Had issue:

cc1. Thomas Frederick Threlkeld, graduated from high school in June, 1939, with a scholarship to college.

c4. Lansing Officer Threlkeld, unmar-

ried; painting contractor, Decatur, Illinois.

d. Daughter, name and life deleted at her request, in this language, "I regret to request you to delete my name and I forbid the use of my name in your book."

e. Attys Threlkeld, m. Ollie Belford, live on farm near Golconda, Illinois. Had issue:

e1. Lora Threlkeld, twin, m. J. D. Copeland; live at Carbondale, Illinois. Had issue:

ee1. Edward Copeland.

ee2. Donald Copeland.

ee3. Bobby Copeland.

e2. Laura Threlkeld, twin, m. 1st Bath, 2nd Leonard Jackson; live at Benton, Illinois. Had issue:

ee1. Frances Bath.

ee2. Howard Jackson.

e3. Theodore Threlkeld, m. Beatrice Pickering; live at Omstead, Illinois. Had issue:

ee1. Barbara Threlkeld.

ee2. Sidney Threlkeld.

ee3. Gerald Threlkeld.

e4. Curtis Threlkeld, m. Agnes Toune; live at Knox, Indiana; no issue.

f. Oran Threlkeld, m. Mary Bonnel; d.

young. Had issue:

f1. Carrie Threlkeld, m. George Gridley, now policeman in Peoria, Illinois, 501 Virginia Street. Had issue:

ff1. Kenneth Gale Gridley, b. 1933.

f2. Cora Threlkeld, m. Lloyd Gullett; live on farm near Golconda, Illinois. Had issue:

ff1. Norma Jean Gullett.

g. Ross Threlkeld, m. Della Flick; d. in Kentucky. Had issue:

g1. Herman Threlkeld, Flint, Michigan.

g2. Ernest Threlkeld, address unknown.

g3. Catherine Adele Threlkeld, who was raised and educated by her uncle, James G. Threlkeld; m. Milton H. Sellhorn; live in

Chicago, Illinois.

- 2. James Clemens Thompson, b. November 19, 1841; m. Mary (Mollie) Moyers; soldier in Union Army in War 1861-65; became a C. P. Preacher; later accepted union of C. P. and Presbyterian Church, U. S. A.; lived at Golconda, Illinois. Had issue: d 4-22-1930
- a. Stella Thompson, m. Lyman T. Wallace. Had issue:
- a1. Edward David Wallace, m. Margaret Hempler. Had issue:

aa1. Bettie Jane Wallace.

aa2. George Clemens Wallace.

- a2. Harold Elrod Wallace, m. Love Crawford; no issue.
- a3. Thelma Lucille Wallace, m. Everett M. Frank; d. leaving husband and three children: aa1. Wallace S. Frank,

aa2. Emily Lou Frank, b. 1927,

aa3. Stella Mae Frank, b. 1929, minors, living with grandmother, Stella Wallace, Golconda, Illinois.

b. Otis L. Thompson, m. Kate Phelps; no living children; lives at Metropolis, Illinois; Kate d. October, 1939. d of ter 1941

c. Ezra Gordon Thompson, m. Myrtle Stitzell from Enid, Oklahoma; live at 1017 Madison Street, Paducah, Kentucky. Had issue: d 2fte> 1941

c1. Alma John Thompson, teacher in the

city schools in Paducah, Kentucky.

c2. Mary Alice Thompson, teacher in the

Fredonia, Kentucky, high school.

d. Lulu Etta Thompson, m. 1st Luke Gilliam, by whom she had one child; 2nd William Heald; live at 3707 North Eighteenth Street, Omaha, Nebraska. Had issue:

d1. Fern Opal Gilliam, m. Vincent N. Canfield; live at 3410 West Chicago Boulevard,

Detroit, Michigan; no children.

d2. Russel Paul Heald, m. Francis Marguerite Spofford; live at 3911 Florence Boulevard, Omaha, Nebraska. Had issue:

dd1. William Charles Heald, b. 1933. dd2. Joan Ruth Heald, b. 1935.

e. J. Otto Thompson, m. Carrie Crane,

who d.; Otto d. years later. Had issue:

e1. James Edward Thompson, m. Dorothy Gowan; live at Metropolis, Illinois. Had issue:

ee1. Carolyn Sue Thompson, b. 1933.

ee2. Charles Edward Thompson, b. 1936.

- f. Lyde C. Thompson, m. Frank Windate, who d.; no children; secretary Y. W. C. A., Madison, Wisconsin.
- g. Hattie Thompson, m. James Chester Manning; live at 1306 Rutledge, Madison, Wisconsin. Had issue:
- g1. James Kenneth Manning, unmarried; lives at 1306 Rutledge, Madison, Wisconsin.
- h. Thressa Thompson, m. F. E. Davis; live at 305 North Seventh Street, Paducah, Kentucky; no children.
- i. Alma J. Thompson. m. John Pelley, President of American Association of Railroads, Shoreham Hotel, Washington, D. C. Had issue: d. 1948
- i1. Mary Jane Pelley, m. Willum Dirski van Schallwyk, a diplomat of the British Government, November 19, 1938; live at Ottawa, Ontario, Canada.
- 3. Maranda Thompson, b. November 23, 1843; m. Dr. William R. Mizell, Lieutenant in Army of Rebellion, 1861–1865, Northern Army; both d. Had issue:
- a. Dr. Adolphus Gordon Mizell, lived and practiced medicine in Shelbyville, Illinois; m. Cora Conn; no children; two adopted children; lated d. leaving wife, Cora, widow, 2208 West Main, Shelbyville, Illinois.
  - a1. William Donald Spaulding, m. Doro-

thy Ragan; live on North First Street, Shelby-ville, Illinois.

a2. Loretta (Allie) Spaulding, m. Donald Keith Hollett; live at 413 South Eight Street, Springfield, Illinois. Had issue:

aa1. Donald Keith Hollett, Jr.

- 4. Amanda Jane Thompson, b. May 13, 1846; m. 1st Aaron Tilly Gilbert, who d.; Amanda later m. 2nd James W. King; d. March 26, 1891. Had issue:
- a. James Gordon Gilbert, m. Mary Miller. Had issue:
- a1. Harry Leland Gilbert, m. Nettie Trail; live in Carbondale, Illinois. Had issue:

aa1. Edna Rose Gilbert.

aa2. Mary Frances Gilbert.

aa3. Dorothy Mae Gilbert.

aa4. Ann Marie Gilbert.

a2. Lois Gertrude Gilbert, m. Harry Coons; live near Springfield, Illinois, R.F.D. 3, Box 48. Had issue:

aa1. Lillian Coons.

aa2. Loraine Coons.

a3. James Guy Gilbert, m. Bonnie Morgan; live at 1502 Villa Place, Nashville, Tennessee. Had issue:

aa1. Jimmy Gilbert, Jr.

aa2. Donald Gilbert.

a4. Clarence Ray Gilbert, unmarried; lives in Pasadena, California, Box 689.

as. Elmer Holyace Gilbert, d.

a6. Quincy Gilbert, d.

- a7. Glenn Gilbert, m. Bernice Elizabeth Loeffler; live at 454 Alvarado Street, Monterey, California.
- a8. Howard Miller Gilbert, m. Vivian Parish; live at Carbondale, Illinois. Had issue:

aa1. Nadine Gilbert.

aa2. Virginia Lee Gilbert.

a9. John T. Gilbert, unmarried; lives at 135 South Glassell Street, Orange, California; Manager Woolworth Co. store.

a10. William Gordon Gilbert, unmarried; lives at 1502 Villa Place, Nashville, Ten-

nessee.

b. Holyace Gilbert, m. Maude Coons, Loami, Sangamon County, Illinois; prosperous farmer; d. leaving widow and one son:

b1. Wayne Aaron Gilbert, m. Eva Mae

McClain, June 10, 1931. Had issue:

bb1. Kent Duane Gilbert, b. January 12, 1939.

c. Lucian Arthur King, m. Anna Frizell; live near Vienna, Illinois. Had issue:

c1. Helen Gladys King, m. Harold Apple; live at East Alton, Illinois.

c2. Vivian Jeanette King, Vienna, Illinois.

c3. Earl Russel King, Vienna, Illinois.

c4. Lawrence William King, Vienna, Illinois.

5. John Newton Thompson, b. August 30, 1848; d. August 30, 1869, on his 21st birthday, of typhoid fever; never m.

6. Sarah Sela Thompson, b. May 31, 1850; m.

1st James A. Jackson, who d.; 2nd Thomas E. Compton; d. of childbed (puerperal) fever, at the birth of Eva May. Had issue:

a. Roy T. Jackson; lives at Hotel Kenny, 1445 Stout Street, Denver, Colorado; never m.

b. Lulu T. Jackson.

c. Anna Jackson; both girls lived with their grandfather, Gordon Thompson, and d. unmarried.

d. Eva May Compton, m. Fred James; live at Eaton, near Denver, Colorado. Had issue:

d1. Thelma Etta James, m. Wilbur Miller; live at 200 South Clarkson Street, Denver, Colorado. Had issue:

dd1. Marjorie Ann Miller, b. 1928. dd2. Bobby Miller, b. 1930.

d2. Ruth James, m. Glenn Pierpoint; live at Ft. Scott, Kansas. Had issue:

dd1. Larry James Pierpoint, b. 1934.

7. David Gordon Thompson (this writer), b. October 21, 1853, on farm 2½ miles north of Golconda, Pope County, Illinois. Educated in country schools and Southern Illinois Normal University, Carbondale; became a lawyer; twice elected State's Attorney and once County Judge of Pope County, Illinois; assistant Attorney General of Illinois; removed to Mt. Vernon, Illinois; m. Mary Ella Huffman, b. October 27, 1857, on April 2, 1882. Eight children blessed this union; after years of illness and suffering, beloved wife, Mary Ella Thompson, d. February 23, 1937,

mourned and loved by family and friends. Had issue:

- a. Nellie Young Thompson, now signs Nelle T.; b. January 27, 1883; graduated from Golconda High School, and had several terms at Southern Illinois Normal University, Carbondale, Illinois; m. 1st W. Earl Parker, clerk in Illinois Central Railroad office at Fulton, Kentucky, and Carbondale, Illinois; after Parker's death she taught in grade schools in Mt. Vernon, Illinois; then m. 2nd J. R. Thomas and lives in Mt. Vernon, Illinois. Had issue:
  - a1. Alice Cary Parker, d. in infancy.

a2. Elizabeth Earl Parker, d. at the age of

eight years.

b. Mary Fadette Thompson, b. March 21, 1884; attended Southern Illinois Normal University at Carbondale; taught school; m. Rae L. Gossard, who entered the drug business; his health failed, and they moved to Los Angeles, where he d. Fadette now has position as Secretary to Superintendent of Olive View Sanatorium at Olive View, in Los Angeles County. Had issue:

b1. Mary Frances Gossard, d, in child-

hood.

b2. Margery Edith Gossard, m. Thomas F. Gossard; graduated in music at Southern California University, Los Angeles; live at 3118 Garden Street, Los Angeles, California. Had issue:

bb1. Jenée Luise Gossard.

c. Eugene Gordon Thompson, b. December

Lynne C. Thompson d. act. 27102,

22, 1885; while young changed name to Frank; now signs name Frank G. Thompson; m. Lynn Chapman; no children; they live in Mt. Vernon, Illinois. Took course at the University of Illinois in law; then completed course in Springfield Business College; finished law course in St. Louis Law School. Official reporter for Circuit Judge Charles Herbert Miller; then entered practice of law; city attorney; twice elected State's Attorney of Jefferson County, Illinois, and served one term in Illinois Legislature; now Chairman of the Republican Congressional Committee of his Congressional District, 1939.d May 24, 1949

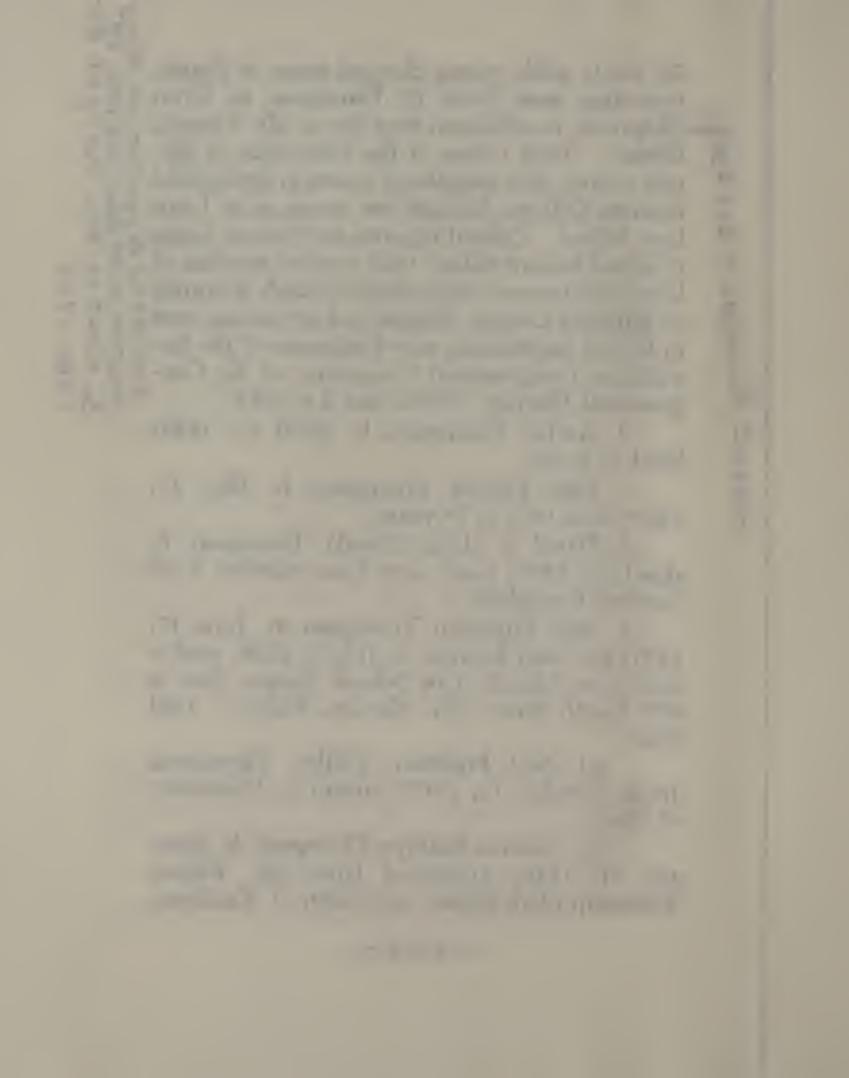
d. Archie Thompson, b. April 23, 1888;

lived 12 hours.

e. John Harold Thompson, b. May 17, 1889; d. in 1903 at 14 years.

f. David J. (little David) Thompson, b. April 16, 1891; lived some four months; d. of Summer Complaint.

- g. Neil Huffman Thompson, b. June 17, 1895; m. Viola Burnett, b. July 2, 1899; graduated from Lincoln Law School; lawyer; live at 807 North Street, Mt. Vernon, Illinois. Had issue:
- g1. Neil Huffman (Billy) Thompson, Jr., b. October 31, 1917; student at University of Illinois.
- g2. Norma Kathlyn Thompson, b. January 24, 1919; graduated from Mt. Vernon Township High School; m. Ralph O. Kaufman,



Jr.; live at 406 North Ninth Street, Mt. Vernon, Illinois.

g3. John David Thompson, b. December 17, 1921; graduated from Mt. Vernon Township High School in 1939. H. Doris Rust: had is sure, John David

g4. James Gordon Thompson, b. March

8, 1926. N. Patricia Lou Murray; badissue, Patricia

gs. Jerry Herman Thompson, b. December 11, 1932.

g6. Jo Alice Thompson, b. February 3, 1934.

h. Elizabeth Vida Thompson, b. April 27, 1901; graduated from Mt. Vernon Township High School and attended Milliken University at Decatur, Illinois; m. Herman Victor Pfeffer, b. June 14, 1901; live at Lebanon, Illinois. Had issue:

h1. Marydell Pfeffer, b. February 26, 1927.

8. Newton Clark Thompson, b. December 6, 1854; d. in infancy.

Gordon Thompson's mother had two other children by her first husband, viz.: Jacob A. Thompson and Isabelle Thompson; and also two children by her second husband, half-brother and half-sister of Gordon Thompson, namely: David Hughes and Priscilla Hughes, whose marriages and families follow:

II. Isabelle Thompson, b. 1815; m. John Gullett; lived on a farm 6 miles Northwest of Golconda, Illinois. Had issue:

- 1. Nancy Jane Gullett, m. August Kluge. Had issue:
- a. William A. Kluge, m. Kate Rose, September 29, 1891; live at Metropolis, Illinois. Had issue:
- a1. Charlott Fay Rose Kluge, b. March 6, 1893; m. Robert F. Reid of Ridgway, Illinois, June 22, 1912; live in Memphis, Tennessee. Had issue:
- aa1. Roberta Kluge Reid, b. October 14, 1914; m. William H. Hutchinson, March 28, 1935; live in Memphis, Tennessee.
- b. Philip Kluge, m. Mollie Gregory; live at Golconda, Illinois. Had issue:
- b1. Maurice Kluge, m. Lillian Modglin; live at Golconda, Illinois. Had issue:
- bb1. Maurice Edward Kluge, b. September 16, 1939.
- 2. James W. Gullett, m. 1st Mary Conley, who d. June 3, 1909; 2nd Elizabeth Dyer, who d. January, 1911. Had issue:
- a. Elbert Gullett, m. Amanda Fulkerson; d. November, 1938; widow lives at Eddyville, Illinois.
- b. Katie Gullett, m. 1st Will Kelly; 2nd Bill Hunt; 3rd Charles Burkett; live at Golden Gate, Illinois.
- c. Parilee Gullett, m. Mose Blackwell; live at Flora, Illinois.
- d. Nancy Gullett, m. Charles Blackwell; live at Flora, Illinois.

e. John Francis Gullett, m. Margaret Young; live at Flora, Illinois; d. leaving issue:

e1. Ocie Gullett, Flora, Illinois.

f. Charles Gullett, m. Fanny Bonnel; lived at Flora, Illinois; d. October 10, 1938.

g. Sarah Gullett, m. Charles A. Wood; lived at 1540 Lewis Avenue, Wellston, Missouri.

h. Minta Gullett, m. Ray McGrew; live at Flora, Illinois.

3. Robert Gullett, d. unmarried.

4. Susan Elizabeth Gullett, m. 1st James Hamilton; 2nd John Climer; had issue:

a. Elmina Hamilton, m. Isaac McDonald;

live on farm near Golconda, Illinois.

b. Parilee Hamilton, m. Milo McDonald; live near Golconda, Illinois.

- c. Robert Hamilton, m. 1st Lily Anderson; 2nd Iva Holloway; live near Golconda, Illinois.
- d. Florence Climer, m. 1st Frank Flanery; 2nd Frank A. King; live at Eddyville, Illinois.

e. Nora Climer, m. Frank Anderson; live

at Pontiac, Illinois.

f. Aaron Climer, m. Gertie Conley; live near Golconda, Illinois.

g. Alice Climer, m. George Hacker; live

at Joliet, Illinois.

5. Cynthia Margaret Gullett, b. April 20, 1851; m. March 4, 1869, Elijah C. Weekly, b. September 2, 1847. Had issue:

a. Ida Weekly, b. January 12, 1870; m.

November 25, 1893, John R. Cummins.

b. Rosa J. Weekly, b. February 17, 1872; m. November 15, 1894, James A. Wallace; d. December 7, 1906.

c. Alice C. Weekly, b. March 5, 1874; d.

September 18, 1875.

d. Sophia L. Weekly, b. May 12, 1876; m. February 14, 1897, Edmond Conley.

e. Lymen Weekly, b. April 13, 1879; m.

September 17, 1899, Ora Belford.

f. James F. Weekly, b. April 4, 1881; m. 1901, Sarah A. Belford.

g. Harrington C. Weekly, b. July 9, 1883; m. October 12, 1904, Ada Hazel; d. January 3, 1907.

h. Ulysses Weekly, b. June 27, 1885; m. March 30, 1905, Della Cummins.

i. Margaret I. Weekly, b. April 11, 1887; m. April 12, 1905, Roy Layman.

j. Bertha Weekly, b. March 19, 1889; d.

January 1, 1894.

- k. Laura E. Weekly, b. July 22, 1892; m. November 22, 1911, William A. Wellman; no children; live at 635 Orange Avenue, Azusa, California.
- 6. John S. Gullett, m. Mary Catherine Sutherland; lived at Golconda, Illinois; both d. Had issue:
- a. Minnie Gullett, m. Milo Hazel; had issue:

a1. Maggie Catherine Hazel, d.

a2. Hughie Hazel, m. Lucille Stevens,

Ward #5, U. S. Veterans' Hospital, Dayton, Ohio.

a3. Fred Hazel, unmarried; lives near Golconda, Illinois, R.F.D. 4.

a4. Marie Hazel, m. Eddie Spivey; live

at Sparks Hill, Illinois.

as. Myrtle Hazel, m. Eddie Bohn; live at 3851 St. Lawrence Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio.

a6. Harry Hazel, m. Frieda Boehl, live

at Golconda, Illinois.

- a7. Golda Hazel, m. Howard Shepherd; live at 3851 St. Lawrence Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio.
- b. Otis Leo Gullett, m. Effie Boos; live at 5074 Fernwood, Detroit, Michigan. Had issue:

b1. Mayer Boos Gullett, Detroit, Mich-

igan.

- c. William Peter (Pete) Gullett, m. Lillian Riekhoff; she d.; Pete lives at 1145 South Wellington Street, Memphis, Tennessee. Has one adopted son:
  - c1. Warren Harris.
- d. John Burton Gullett, d. at the age of 12 years.
- e. Jane Katherine (Janie) Gullett, m. Arthur Barger; live in Golconda, Illinois. Have one adopted son:

e1. Warren Barger.

7. Samuel Green (Dick) Gullett, m. Nancy Downing Floyd; she d.; he went away many years ago and has not been heard from since. Had issue:

- a. May Gullett, place of residence unknown.
  - b. Daughter, d.

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c. Utto Gullett, d.

8. William Thomas Gullett, m. 1st Surrilda
Catherine Corbit; 2nd Olive Easter Vaughn; live

on farm near Golconda, Illinois. Had issue by

first wife only:

a. Lyman Erno Gullett, m. Clara Campbell; live at 293 North Perry Street, Pontiac,

Michigan.

- III. Jacob A. Thompson, younger brother of Gordon Thompson, b. in Virginia about 1818—who together with his sister, Isabelle Thompson, a few years later was brought from Virginia to Pope County, Illinois, by their mother, as explained on another page. Veteran in War of Rebellion; member of 6th Illinois Cavalry under Colonel Grierison, and on the raid throughout the South; m. Mizannie Cosby in Pope County, Illinois. Had issue:
- 1. Henry Thompson, lived in West Missouri and became a merchant.
- 2. William Thompson, became an M.D. in Kansas City, Missouri.
- 3. Isaac Gordon Thompson, m. Martha Kimberlin; had three children; became quite a successful Cumberland Presbyterian preacher; moved to Kansas; killed in accident, leaving his widow and children, unheard of since his death. Issue:
  - a. Three children, and repeated inquiry

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among his relatives and her relatives has failed to disclose their names or ages or post office addresses.

- 4. James H. Thompson, emigrated to Missouri; unheard of since.
- 5. Isabelle Thompson, m. Jesse Keaton. Had issue:
- a. Minnie Keaton, m. Denford Carpenter, who d.; lives in Poplar Bluff, Missouri. Had issue:
- a1. Myrtle Carpenter, b. 1896; m. Frank Lade; live in Poplar Bluff, Missouri.

a2. Jesse Wright Carpenter, b. 1901; lives at 2806 Burdette, Ferndale, Michigan.

a3. Nellie Ruth Carpenter, b. 1903; m. Johnson; live at Poplar Bluff, Missouri.

a4. Frank Carpenter, b. 1907; m.; live in Poplar Bluff, Missouri.

b. Willie Keaton, m. Ida Morris; live at Simpson, Illinois. Had issue:

b1. Verna Keaton, b. 1897; m. 1st Earl Morris; 2nd Lewis; lives at Simpson, Illinois. Had issue:

## bb1. Gerald Morris.

- c. Charley Keaton, b. 1889; m. Dora Ann (Dory) Allard; d. Had issue:
  - c1. Nellie Keaton, m. Rue Genins.
- c2. Maude Keaton, m. Taylor; live at Robbs, Illinois; no children.
- 6. Wiley N. Thompson, youngest child of Jacob, partly raised by Gordon Thompson; went to Arkansas, then to Texas; d. there.

7. Martha Thompson, d. unmarried.

IV. David Hughes, m. 1st Sarah Ann Kinberlin, by whom he had three children; 2nd Rebecca Ellison, by whom he had one child. Issue:

1. Maranda Catherine Hughes, m. A. Burton Dill; live at Sikeston, Missouri. Had issue:

- a. John David Dill, m. Martha Jane Carter; live at Carbondale, Illinois; insurance district manager and prominent church member. Had issue:
- a1. John M. Dill, m. Elizabeth Hauch. Had issue:

aa1. John Dickwin Dill.

- b. Ira William Dill, m. Esther Looney; live at Carbondale, Illinois.
- c. James Gordon Dill, m. Ellen Hildreth; live at Sikeston, Missouri. Had issue:

c1. Ira Hildreth Dill.

c2. Tessie Virginia Dill, m. Harry Strain. Had issue:

> cc1. Harry Gordon Strain. cc2. Charlotte Jean Strain.

d. Charles Edward Dill, m. Grace Jolliff; live at Carbondale, Illinois. Had issue:

d1. Marian Dill, m. Clark Smith. Had issue:

dd1. Kirby Dill Smith.

d2. Elizabeth Dill, taught at Southern Illinois Normal University, Carbondale; m. Dr. J. Taylor. Had issue:

dd1. Susan Taylor, b. 1939.

e. Harry Dill, d. in infancy.

f. George Dill, d. in infancy.

g. Mary Dill, d. in infancy.

h. Ella Dill, m. John Raymond Shuppert; live at Sikeston, Missouri. Had issue:

h1. Ella Louise Shuppert, m. R. L. Lutz.

h2. John Raymond Shuppert, Jr. h3. Florence Catherine Shuppert.

h4. Esther Virginia Shuppert.

h5. Josephine Shuppert.

h6. Ira William Shuppert.

h7. Charles Dill Shuppert.

i. Andrew Jackson Dill, m. Reba Everton; live at Flint, Michigan. Had issue:

i1. Andrew Jackson Dill, Jr.

i2. Gene Dill.

i3. Jerry Dill.

- 2. Marietta (Met) Hughes, b. in Pope County, Illinois, near Golconda, July 7, 1859; m. Samuel Huston Dill, brother of A. Burton Dill, husband of Maranda Catherine Hughes, February 14, 1878; he d. in 1930; moved to Hamilton County, Illinois, near Belle Prairie, about 1890; moved to Bloomington, Illinois, in 1928; d. December 4, 1939. Had issue:
  - a. William Alonzo Dill, d. unmarried.
  - b. Charles Perry Dill, d. unmarried.
- c. Laura May Dill, m. Joseph Seamon Powell; live at McIntire, Iowa.

d. Samuel David Dill, d. unmarried.

e. Edward Gorden Dill, m. Margrett Mae Mighell; live at Bloomington, Illinois; M. E. Preacher.

f. Ella Maude Dill, d. in infancy.

g. Herman Hughes Dill, m. Lena Delora Shreve; live at Independence, Iowa; preacher.

h. Minnie Alice Dill, not m.; lives at Bloomington, Illinois.

3. William Henry Hughes, d. in childhood.

4. Ella Hughes, m. Harvey Braden; no chil-

dren; live at Macedonia, Illinois.

- V. Priscilla Hughes, m. Isaac Shuffle Barger; the name was later written "S. Barger." Had issue:
  - 1. Gordon Shuffle Barger, d. unmarried.
- 2. Nancy S. Barger, m. Charles Hawk. Had issue:

a. Charles Hawk, Jr.

- 3. Isabelle S. Barger, m. Wesley Gullett; no children.
  - 4. James S. (Dock) Barger, m. Had issue:
- a. Mina S. Barger, m. John Estes; live near Harrisburg, Illinois, R.F.D. Had issue:
  - a1. Elva Marie Estes.
  - a2. Marion Estes.
- b. Lura S. Barger, m. John Priest, who d.; lives at 1007 South Washington Street, Harrisburg, Illinois. Had issue:

b1. Lloyd Priest, Harrisburg, Illinois.

b2. Essie Priest, m. Sauheaner; live at 1417 Ledford Street, Harrisburg, Illinois.

b3. Lannie Priest, lives at 4248 North

New Castle, Chicago, Illinois.

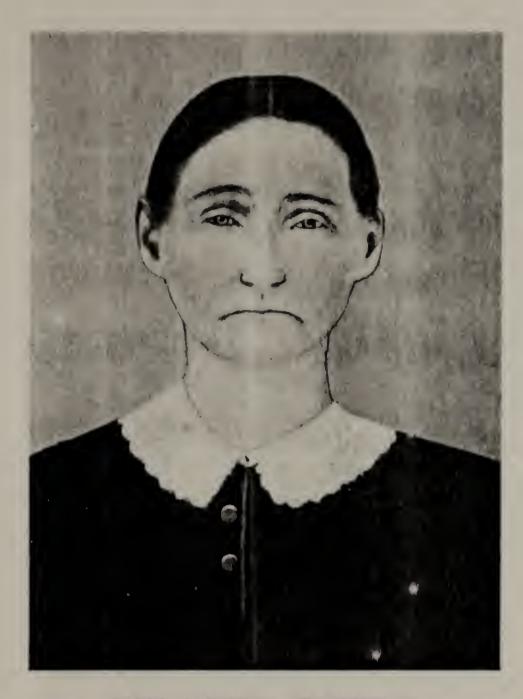
b4. Kenneth Priest, lives at 205 North Garfield Street, Marion, Illinois.

bs. Louise Priest, m. Prout; live at 717 Charleston Street, Harrisburg, Illinois.

5. David S. Barger, never m.; d.young.

6. Philip S. Barger, m. girl from Pope County, Illinois; name unknown; emigrated to Monet, Missouri; no trace since.





JANE CLEMENS THOMPSON



## PERSONAL TRIBUTE TO MY MOTHER— JANE CLEMENS THOMPSON

My mother, Jane Clemens Thompson, was born in Old Kentucky, December 5th, 1813, and grew to womanhood there. Her older sister, Elizabeth, had married James King and settled on a farm two miles north of Golconda, Pope County, Illinois; and my mother in all probability was staying with her older sister during her problems with a growing family; and while there, most probably met the young Virginian, Gordon Thompson, and thereby began a romance resulting in their marriage on December 24, 1839. This is borne out by the fact that Gordon and the Kings entered jointly from the Government a tract of land lying between their farms, and divided it between them, as shown by the record title of the land, with which I was familiar.

After their marriage, Gordon and Jane settled on land adjoining his mother's, living in a log house for many years, during which time she was a diligent housekeeper, and in the fourteen years following their marriage she became the mother of eight children, all growing to maturity except the last baby, which died in infancy.

She was not only a faithful housekeeper, wife, and mother, but was a leader in church, school

and community upbuilding. She was grounded in the principles and doctrines of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church of which she was a devoted member. Her oldest son, James Clemens Thompson, became a minister of that church. She sang the songs of praise and thanksgiving, of cheer and hope, and led her children to love music and song; and her home became the community center for gatherings of the young people in happy, elevating social life. My mother was most noted, perhaps, for her patient, self-sacrificing life in the home and community, ever ready to care for her loved ones and all who came to her in need.

The manifold burdens and responsibilities resting on the farm wife on a large, rapidly developing grain and stock farm, were overtaxing and exhausting, though she met every responsibility

with equanimity and cheerfulness.

As the delicate period of life came on, and the growing responsibility of motherhood seemed to sap her waning strength, she was attacked by a wasting disease which cut short her useful and noble life, leaving sorrowing her family and the community.

## THE CLEMENS GENEALOGY (CLEMENS—CLEMENT)

The word Clemens means kind, amiable, pleasant, gentle, "merciful, compassionate, lenient"—this name is historic; it comes from the Latin adjective clemens. Clemens Romanus was, according to historians, the second or the third Pope of Rome; he was called Romanus to distinguish him from Clemens of Alexandria; both were early fathers of the church. Flavius Clemens was a cousin of the Emperor Domitian and was put to death, the first male martyr in Rome. His niece, Domatella Clemens, was the first female martyr in Rome. Julius Clemens was lieutenant under Caesar in his invasion of Great Britain. Such was the origin and early history of the family name.

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## GENEALOGY OF THE CLEMENS FAMILY —ANCESTOR OF MY MOTHER, JANE CLEMENS THOMPSON

The investigation necessary to discover and set down the early ancestry of the Clemens family with any degree of accuracy and reliability has been one of absorbing interest, but of no small magnitude. To trace the early lineage of the branch of the Clemens line from which my mother, Jane Clemens Thompson, sprung has been of more or less doubtful certainty; yet the known and admitted facts so unerringly point to the known English family and its migration to America, as to form the basis of fairly correct judgment as to Clemens progenitors.

I hesitate to write anything in this genealogy which differs in any material aspect from that written by our distinguished relative, Samuel L. Clemens—Mark Twain; but Volume 11 of Genealogy Magazine, found in the City Library of Los Angeles, California, and in St. Louis, Mis-

souri, City Library, says:

"There is extant a manuscript of autobiography in the hand writing of Mark Twain and with his signature appended in which he says of his ancestry: 'Born in Florida, Missouri, November 30, 1835, a son of John Marshall Clemens, of Virginia & Jane Lambton of Kentucky. An

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ancestor (Joeffrey Clement) was Ambassador to Spain under Oliver Cromwell, Protectorate. Married a Spanish wife & introduced a strain of Spanish blood into the Clemens stock which shows up now and then in a descendant yet. (Clara is an instance). This Clemens sat as one of Charles First's judges in the trial that rendered the death sentence.'

Says this Magazine, page 4, "Mark Twain was wrong in this belief that he was a descendant of the regicide of the time of Charles, as the facts will show later on in this narrative.

"With all respect to the surviving 'Clara' of the family, this chronicler ventures to assert that no Spanish blood flows in her artistic veins. Mark Twain died in absolute and rather pitiable ignorance of his paternal ancestry, and beyond the name of his father's father he could not go.

"The Joeffrey Clement of which Mark Twain has written was really Gregory Clement of Coventry, England, a son of George Clement and the widow, Audrey Denny Haydon. Gregory was in Parliament in 1646, and thereafter, was arrested 26 May, 1660, and beheaded in the Tower. And what of his descendants? James Clement, son of Gregory, came to Long Island, in 1670 with his wife, Jane, who died, and he married, second, at Westbury, Long Island, Sarah Field. He died in Flushing, 24 May, 1724. This was the ancestor whom so many Americans of the name of 'Clemens' and 'Clements' look upon as their progenitor.

"We have this family traced from James, down to the last descendant, now a resident of St. Louis, and even this modern Clement, who assumes the spelling Clemens, claims a cousinship to Mark Twain. The original Long Island James Clement left five sons who moved to New Jersey, and thence their descendants helped populate Pennsylvania, West Virginia, and the South and West. The Wheeling family of which Sherred Clemens, member of Congress, was called Cousin by Mark Twain himself, and the St. Louis family, whom Twain visited, were all from the Gregory origin, but most happily, Mark Twain never belonged to this family. His ancestor came to America full half a century before Gregory was beheaded."

And here we can correct some history and unfortunately take away some of the gloss and gilt that covers the ever-worshipped Pilgrim Fathers of Plymouth. The cradle of this great republic was Jamestown, where four thousand souls were congregated before the first landing of the historic Mayflower. John Smith, leader of Virginia Colony, was the discoverer of New England and of Plymouth, and it was he who advised the Pilgrims to make their settlement there.

And the first gentlewoman to land on American soil was the widow Elizabeth Clemens, with her three sons and one daughter in the year 1611. And her son Jeremiah was the ancestor of Samuel L. Clemens, the greatest of his race from the standpoint of literary achievement and popu-

larity. Elizabeth Clemens lived and died unheralded and unsung, while the Priscillas and the Thankfuls and the Abigails have overflowed our New England literature, and figure in the school

books as a part of American history.

Visualize, if you will, the begrimed and smoky London of the year 1590, where Jeffrey Clemens, small factor in wools and linens, had his little shop far down in one of the narrow lanes of the city. A short, slight young man ambitious in trade, whether over the garden wall or on the highway, young Jeffrey first glimpsed the fairhaired Elizabeth Fuller, we can but conjecture. But Elizabeth was a young dame of parts, the daughter of a merchant, Cuthbert Fuller, whose brother Nicholas of Chamberhouse, Berks, had been knighted by the King. A sister, Elizabeth, had married a title and was Lady Laughton. The young Elizabeth was an only child; and when her father, Cuthbert, died, at once she was the ward and favorite of her uncle, Sir Nicholas Fuller.

Jeffrey Clemens, the linen factor, and Elizabeth Fuller were married in a chapel under the shadow of Bow Bells with small ceremony. Where they lived as newly-weds, and what their station in the ever-changing social life of London we have no way of knowing. We do know, by the parish records, that on 7 November, 1604, their first child, Thomas, was born and died in less than a year, 3 August, 1605. Nicholas, second son, was born 7 December, 1606, named after Sir Nicholas. Then came Jeremiah, the

direct ancestor of Mark Twain, born 8 November, 1607. The came Ezekiel in 1608 and Elizabeth in 1609. And then Jeffrey Clemens, father of this small family, fell victim of a prevailing epidemic and passed on, leaving a "chit" of a widow and four babies, the youngest only a few months of age.

Jeffrey left his widow nothing in worldly goods. Her only patrimony was a few shares in the Virginia Company, handed over by her father a few days before he died. The shares in the problematic "Eldorado" in the New World were a rainbow to the widow, and nothing else offering so much, she sought passage to America in the "George," then about to make a second voyage to Virginia with a regiment of soldiers under the command of a dashing and handsome young officer, Captain Ralph Hamer, who was later to become a giant figure in the colonial history of Virginia. She was the only gentlewoman, the only passenger, in that small company, setting sail in the slight-tonned barkentine, with only the soldiers for company, save perhaps a few female slavies who went along as servants for the colonists already in Jamestown. Picture the voyage of Elizabeth with her boys 5, 4, and 3 years, and tiny Elizabeth of a few months. Vizualize the long and tedious sail, with these human cares and burdens, but always with the hope that in the colony her rights in the Virginia Company would compensate for the fatigue of

the long voyage and the discomforts she shared with her little ones.

Thus, with the arrival upon the ship "The George" at Jamestown, in 1611, Elizabeth Clemens set foot on Virginia soil, the first of her name in the New World. Later she was to rear her children and still later was to marry again—to become the wife of the dashing Captain Ralph Hamer.

Jeremiah, the son of Jeffrey Clemens and Elizabeth Fuller Clemens and an ancestor of Mark Twain, m. Edy in James City County, Virginia, in 1634. His son Francis, born in Surrey County, was the father of a second Francis, who m. Elizabeth Merriweather and who died in 1721. He names a son Benjamin in his will. Benjamin, who was one of the founders of Lynchburg, m. Susannah Hill in 1736. His will filed in the records of Campbell County, Virginia, mentions also Adam, born 1738.

List of Benjamin's children:

- 1. Isaac, b. 1735, d. in Pittsylvania County; served in the Revolution.
- 2. Adam (great grandfather of Mark Twain), b. 1738; m. Agnes Johnson, January 27, 1765, Bedford County, Virginia; and d. in Campbell County, 1811.
  - 3. Stephen, no satisfactory record.
  - 4. James, served in the Revolution.
- 5. John, d. in Fredericksburg, October 2, 1781, leaving a widow, Elizabeth.
  - 6. Jeriah.

7. Benjamin, Jr.

8. Rachael, m. Abston.

9. Susannah, m. Evans.

10. Elizabeth, m. Butterworth.

Adam, second son of Benjamin and great grandfather of Mark Twain, was a small farmer in Bedford County; m. Agnes Johnson, January 27, 1765.

They had nine children: Adam J., Samuel, Alexander, William, Johnson, George, Agnes, Sally, and Lucy. All are mentioned in the will of Adam, who died in Campbell County, 1811, excepting Samuel, grandfather of Mark Twain. He had died by accident in 1805; hence he is not mentioned in the will of his father.

The foregoing statements are taken from an article bearing the title: "The Genesis" of Mark Twain, in Volume 11 of Genealogy Magazine, pages 17 to 20, dated April, 1923.

There has come to my attention some excerpts from the Mark Twain genealogical history now circulating among the members of the family in various parts of the country, from which are taken the following, being the introductory lines and part of the first paragraph, as follows:

"Sketched from the following sources: In a letter from Dr. J. M. Clemens of Louisville, Kentucky, to Dr. J. N. Clemens, of Carrsville, Kentucky, quoting facts compiled by Samuel L. Clemens (Mark Twain).

"From this it will be seen that your (Dr. J. N. Clemens') grandfather, Gershom Clemens,

and my (Dr. J. M. Clemens') grandfather, Samuel Clemens, were brothers. On the death of my grandfather, who was killed in Virginia, as you state, by a falling log at a house raising, at Point Pleasant, on Kanawa River, my grandmother, who was Pamelia Goggin, of Virginia, with two sons, Hannibal (my father) and John Marshall (Mark Twain's) Samuel L. Clemens' father, and two daughters, Elizabeth and Carolina, came to Adrian County, Kentucky, where she married Simon Hancock, who lived and died near Columbia, Kentucky."

The last foregoing paragraph and the consensus of other family history are the basis for the statement that "It is a well known tradition accepted and relied upon by the Clemens family (particularly the Mark Twain line) that Gershom Clemens, b. March 22, 1766, was a son of Adam Clemens, who was the great grandfather of Mark Twain.

The name of Gershom Clemens is not mentioned in Adam's will, but from the consensus of family history and tradition, he should be listed as a son of Adam Clemens.

Gershom Clemens came from Virginia to Christian County, Kentucky, m. Jane Usher, daughter of David Usher, prominent Kentucky farmer, b. February 19, 1775, on April 22, 1791; later came to Livingston County and settled on an island later known as "Rondeau's Island" in the Ohio River near Golconda, Illinois, about the year 1800, and raised his family there.

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This island is near the ferry landing on the Kentucky side of the Ohio River, giving Gershom easy access to the ferry landing. The land adjoining the river at that point was owned by one Pollard of Virginia, and he gave power of attorney to Gershom Clemens to look after his interests in this land, including the ferry franchise-which shows that Gershom was a man of responsibility and standing in the community.

One Major James Lusk and wife, Sarah Lusk, in April, 1796, led a company of people consisting of about 25 from South Carolina to Livingston County, Kentucky, reaching Salem, Kentucky, May 2, and the next day on to the Ohio River, their ultimate destination. before that time, Pollard had disposed of his holdings in Kentucky, including the Kentucky ferry landing to Major James Lusk on payments to be made as agreed upon; and Mr. Clemens was charged with collection of the balance due his principal, Pollard, for the ferry.

In the meantime Gershom and his family became close friends of Major and Sarah Lusk, and Major Lusk named Gershom Clemens executor of his will; and upon the major's death in September, 1803, Clemens, as such executor, settled Lusk's estate at Smithland, then County

Seat of Livingston County, Kentucky.

After Lusk's death, it is said, some disagreement arose between the widow, Sarah Lusk, and Gershom concerning the operation of the ferry,

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in which Clemens, with a gun, objected to Sarah landing her ferry on the Kentucky side, and she, standing ground in her ferry-boat with a gun, disregarding his threats, landed her boat. And tradition says that Governor of the territory, Wm. Henry Harrison, was a passenger on that trip and in reward for Sarah's courage, gave her ferry franchise across the Ohio River. It is related that the fight between Sarah and Gershom as to the ferry went on for a time until some friends of hers captured the boats Clemens had collected and took them across the river to the Illinois side and hid them in "devil's elbow" in Lusk Creek until Gershom gave up the contest and Sarah had her way.

Later, the record says, Sarah Lusk, the widow, on April 2, 1805, married Thomas Ferguson and remained his wife until she died in 1830.

Gershom Clemens' children by his first wife as shown by his family bible are as follows:

- 1. Elizabeth Clemens, b. October 14, 1793.
- 2. Usher Clemens, b. October 26, 1795.
- 3. Samuel Clemens, b. January 18, 1798.
- 4. David B. Clemens, b. May 20, 1800.
- 5. Sarah Lusk Clemens, b. November 29, 1802.
- 6. Jeremiah Clemens, b. February 6, 1807.
- 7. Jonathan R. Clemens, b. May 24, 1811.
- 8. Robert and Jane Clemens, twins, b. December 5, 1813.

His last wife was Margueritte Galaspy Trimble, widow of James Trimble, whom he English and the second second

married January 31, 1817. They had the following children, viz.:

10. James Ford Clemens, b. April 1, 1819.

11. Gershom Clemens, Jr., b. March 9, 1821.

There is a tradition that Gershom Clemens married a second wife by the name of Sarah Lusk, and had no issue; but that because of her cruelty to the younger children, Robert and Jane, twins, they separated and were divorced.

But inasmuch as Gershom had a daughter by the name of Sarah Lusk, whose life history remains unknown, and also when it is considered that after Major Lusk's death in 1803, and that Gershom and Sarah Lusk, widow, had constant financial and business relations for some years, finally ending in disagreement, bordering on open hostilities; and also when it is known that the widow, Sarah Lusk, in 1805 married Thomas Ferguson, remaining his wife till her death, and that Sarah's daughter, Sarah Lucile, married B. Miles, and no other Sarah Lusk appearing, this chronicler believes it best to drop the traditional Sarah Lusk as a second wife of Gershom.

The family of Gershom Clemens, and their descendants, both sons and daughters, who lived in Southwestern Kentucky and Southern Illinois were of a sturdy type of citizen, who aided in developing the country, built school houses, churches, cities, and highways. They were lawabiding citizens and believed in law enforcement and were found in all walks of life—agriculture, business, and the professions—and have been in the vanguard of the ranks of progress.

## CHILDREN OF GERSHOM CLEMENS

Children of Gershom Clemens and their marriages and families are as follows:

I. Elizabeth Clemens, b. October 14, 1793; m. James King about 1813; resided on farm two miles north of Golconda, Illinois. Had issue:

1. Polly King, m. Lewis Armstrong about 1837; lived on farm adjoining that of her parents. Had issue:

a. Elizabeth Armstrong, never married. All moved from Pope County, Illinois, to Shelby

County and d. there.

2. Elizabeth King, b. 1836; m. John Sutherland; d. August 4, 1883, at the age of 47, in Pope County, Illinois; they lived on farm four miles north of Golconda and adjoining that of her aunt Jane Clemens Thompson and husband, Gordon Thompson, and raised a large family of sons and daughters. Had issue:

a. William Pinkney Sutherland, successful physician; m. 1st Kate Whiteside; moved to Creal Springs, Illinois, and practiced his profession there, and raised a large family; after Kate died, he married 2nd Nettie Simpson, who had no children. Had issue by his first wife only:

a1. John David (Dee) Sutherland, m. Ezolody Josephine Whittaker; lived at Phoenix, Arizona, General Delivery; now live at 545

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South Eighth Street, Colton, California. Had issue:

aa1. Marie Sutherland, m. Richard M. Belliveau; live at Morenci, Arizona.

aa2. Gladys Sutherland, m. Guy Higbee; live at 255A Roycroft Avenue, Long Beach, California.

aa3. Henry Pinkney Sutherland, m. Nina; policeman; live at 774 Gardenia Avenue, Long Beach, California. Had issue:

aaa1. James Edward Sutherland.

a2. Bettie Elizabeth Sutherland, m.

Jack Usrey; both d. Had issue:

aa1. Vergil Ray Usrey, m. Nettie Elizabeth Palmer, of Coulterville, Illinois, December 26, 1928; works for the State of Illinois as Poultry Superintendent; live at 111 West Cedar Street, Springfield, Illinois.

aa2. Mabel Louise Usrey, unmarried; lives on South Division Street, Carterville,

Illinois; housekeeper.

a3. Myrtle Sutherland, m. C. Rollie Ragsdale; live in Wichita Falls, Texas, General Delivery. Had issue:

aa1. Carthol Ragsdale, unmarried; lives in Wichita Falls, Texas.

aa2. Maxine Ragsdale, unmarried; lives in Wichita Falls, Texas.

aa3. Mary Jewel Ragsdale, unmarried; lives in Wichita Falls, Texas.

aa4. Violet Ragsdale, unmarried; lives in Wichita Falls, Texas.

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a4. Daisy Sutherland, m. Dr. Ira T. Roberts, who d. October 26, 1938; lives at 5560 Pershing Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri. Had issue:

aa1. Jean Thomas Roberts, m. Virginia Marie Huss; live in St. Louis, Missouri.

as. Ora Sutherland, m. Roy Smith; d. Ianuary, 1937. Had issue:

aa1. Margaret Smith, m. Earl Burks; live at Byhalia, Mississippi.

aa2. Kenneth Smith. No further information obtained.

a6. Dora Sutherland, m. Hubert Corder; lived at Carterville, Illinois; both d. Had issue:

aa1. Reba Corder, m. Dale Hadfield; live at 1121/2 West Cherry Street, Herrin, Illinois. Had issue:

aaa1. Bobby Lee Hadfield. aaa2. Beverly Dale Hadfield.

aa2. Eva Corder, m. Roy Vinyard; he d.; widow lives at Koch Hospital, Koch, Missouri. Had issue:

aaa1. Jackie Lee Vinyard.

aa3. Jeanette Corder, m. Clarence Folles; live at 418 Brown Street, Carterville, Illinois. Had issue:

aa4. Hubie Corder, m. Ruth Irene Stokes, of Carbondale, Illinois; live at 504 East Grand Avenue, Carterville, Illinois. Had issue:

> aaa1. Judith Ann Corder. aaa2. Cynthia Jane Corder.

aas. L. K. Corder, m. Mary Hurley of Crainville, Illinois; live at 504 East Grand Avenue, Carterville, Illinois. Had issue:

a7. Effie Sutherland, d. unmarried.

a8. Lillian Sutherland, m. Jesse L. Mulhall, an electrician; live at 1320 East Fourteenth Avenue, Denver, Colorado.

a9. Pinkney Sutherland, Jr., unmarried; World War Veteran; last heard of living

in San Francisco, California.

b. J. Newton Sutherland, successful farmer near Golconda, Illinois; m. Georgean Wallace. Had issue:

b1. Otto Sutherland, m. Dora Watson; live at Golconda, Illinois; no children.

b2. Amby Sutherland, lives near Lemoore, California; m. Loren Floyd. Had issue:

bb1. Wayne Floyd, also lives near Lemoore, California.

b3. Laverne Sutherland, m. John Albert Kloninger, who d.; lives in Lemoore, California. Had issue:

bb1. John Kenneth Kloninger, m. Bernice Johnson.

bb2. Laverne Dorothy Kloninger, m. Philip Passon; live at Fresno, California.

b4. Elva Sutherland, m. Pete Kessler;

live at North Cairo, Illinois. Had issue:

bb1. Selma Alberta Kessler, m. Robert W. Perry of Asheville, North Carolina; live at 712 Walnut Street, Cairo, Illinois. THE RESERVE OF THE PARTY OF THE

bb2. James Joseph Kessler, m. Wilma Kennedy of Villa Ridge, Illinois; live at 24 Michigan Avenue, Asheville, North Carolina. Had issue:

bb1. James Joseph Kessler, Jr. bb3. Vada Lorene Kessler, m. Joseph Turner; Vada and son live with her parents. Had issue:

bbb1. Donald (Don) Joseph Turner.

bs. Ernest Sutherland, d. unmarried.

c. Mary Catherine Sutherland, m. John S. Gullett; lived at Golconda, Illinois. Had issue. (See this family given under Gullett Record, Thompson History.)

d. John A. (Jack) Sutherland, m. Kate (Kitty) Wells, lived at Marion, Illinois; d. Had

issue:

d1. Harry Sutherland, m. Julie Mayhew; live in Marion, Illinois; no issue.

d2. Robert Sutherland, m. Maude Cline; live at West Frankfort, Illinois. Had issue:

dd1. Robert J. Sutherland, West Frankfort, Illinois.

d3. Mabel Sutherland, m. Harry L. Cox, June 23, 1912; live on East College Street, Marion, Illinois. Had issue:

dd1. Eugene L. Cox, b. March, 1919.

e. Francis L. Sutherland, b. June 18, 1856; d. January 6, 1934; m. Henrietta Truebger, b. April 13, 1858, who d. October 22, 1913;

owned and lived on his father's farm some four miles north of Golconda, Illinois, on public highway and was successful farmer; they reared a large family of boys and girls, all of whom became exemplary citizens; he later disposed of his farm and moved with his family to California. Had issue:

e1. Loren G. Sutherland, b. August 18, 1878; d. May 2, 1926; m. Rosa Streit; lived at Metropolis, Illinois. Had issue:

ee1. Edwin Sutherland.

ee2. Loren Sutherland, Jr.

e2. Fred J. Sutherland, b. May 25, 1880; m. Carrie Ross; live at Los Angeles, California. Had issue:

ee1. Frank Sutherland.

ee2. Ross Sutherland.

ee3. Alberta Sutherland.

ee4. Kenneth Sutherland.

e3. Julius A. Sutherland, b. November 2, 1881; m. Maude Morse; live at Compton, California. Had issue:

ee1. Paul Sutherland.

ee2. Ruth Sutherland.

ee3. William Sutherland.

e4. Charles F. Sutherland, b. June 30, 1883; manager of J. C. Penney Co. store, La-Grange, Georgia, for 20 years; m. Katherine Sheehan. Had issue:

ee1. Charles Eugene Sutherland, b. June 13, 1916; graduated from Notre Dame in 1938.

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ee3. Alice Elizabeth Sutherland, b.

December 20, 1921.

es. Mamie E. Sutherland, b. March 16, 1885; m. H. Schrack; live at Alhambra, California. Had issue:

ee1. Bertha Mae Schrack.

ee2. Betty Jane Schrack.

e6. Lula H. Sutherland, b. February 2, 1887; m. Henry Wellman, jeweler, Alhambra, California. Had issue:

ee1. Henry Wellman, Jr.

ee2. Alice Wellman.

ee3. Helen Wellman.

f. Lizzie Sutherland, m. Dr. James Ready; both d. Had issue:

f1. Ruth Ready, unmarried; lives in

Los Angeles, California.

g. Euphemia Sutherland, twin, m. William Cheney; live in MacLean, Texas; no issue.

h. Uriah Sutherland, twin, m. Hattie

Kid. Had issue:

h1. Virginia Elizabeth Sutherland, a teacher, later a business girl; lately married Snider; live in Metropolis, Illinois.

3. Easter Jane King, m. William Marshall

Finney; had issue:

a. Sarah Emily Finney, m. 1st Newton Conly; 2nd R. Echols. Had issue:

a1. John Conly, m. Ida Bonnel; live at Golconda, Illinois. Had issue:

aa1. Lannie Mae Conly.

aa2. Clarence Conly, Golconda, Illi-

nois.

aa3. Ray Conly.

aa4. Gertie Conly.

aas. Ted Conly.

aa6. Three children d.

a2. Lilly Conly, m. James Layman; live at Golconda, Illinois. Had issue:

aal. Charlie Newton Layman, Tal-

mage, California.

aa2. Frank James Layman, soldier in World War; d. 1919.

aa3. Anna Mae Layman, m. Ray

Hayes.

aa4. Will Layman, m. Gertie; live at Ramsey, Illinois.

aas. John Layman, Golconda, Illi-

nois.

aa6. Tony Conly Layman, 503 Hays

Street, Carbondale, Illinois.

a3. Philip Conly, m. 1st Elmina Belford, by whom he had one child, who d. in infancy; 2nd Anna Swanson, by whom he had three children; live in Memphis, Tennessee. Had issue:

aa1. Child, d. in infancy.

aa2. Flossine Conly, m. Charles Kesselring; live at 2038 North and South Road, St. Louis County, Missouri.

aa3. Will Conly.

aa4. Rosie Conly, d.

a4. Bertha Echols, d. unmarried.

as. Janie Echols, d. unmarried.

a6. Ada Echols, m. Thomas Walls; live at Evansville, Indiana.

a7. Elias Echols, d. in childhood.

a8. Raymond Echols, m. Nannie Newman; live at Evansville, Indiana.

b. Green M. Finney, m. Alice Downey. Had issue:

b1. Florence Finney, m. John Morgan.

b2. John Finney, never m.

c. John A. Finney, m. Martha Vaughn; successful farmer; lived on farm six miles north of Golconda, Illinois; assassinated by an enemy on public highway near his home. Had issue:

c1. Charles Finney, Golconda, Illinois.

c2. Lula Finney, m. Harry Tichenor, Carbondale, Illinois.

c3. John Finney, Golconda, Illinois.

c4. Eugene Finney, Golconda, Illinois.

cs. Frank Finney, Golconda, Illinois.

d. Mary J. Finney, m. John T. Turner. Had issue:

d1. Jerome Turner, m. Minnie Kerley.

d2. Mary Turner, m. Berry Simpson.

e. Celia Ann Finney, m. 1st Thomas Vaughn; 2nd George Scott. Had issue:

e1. Calvin Vaughn, m. Nannie Russell; live at 1303 Derby Street, Berkeley, California. Had issue:

ee1. Nellie Vaughn, m. Roy Hop-

kins of Los Angeles, California.

e2. Olive Easter Vaughn, m. William Thomas Gullett; live on farm near Golconda, Illinois; no children.

e3. Grace Vaughn, m. Berry Harris;

d.; no children.

e4. T. Roy Vaughn, m. Jessie Truebger; served one term as County Clerk of Pope County, Illinois. Had issue:

ee1. Wanda Lee Vaughn, m. Milton Hoyt Andrews; live at 923 Seventh Avenue,

Grinnell, Iowa. Had issue:

eee1. Thomas Hoyt Andrews.

ee2. John Thomas Vaughn, lives at 4600 Forest Street, Downers Grove, Illinois.

ee3. Jessie Roy Vaughn, lives at 4600 Forest Street, Downers Grove, Illinois; unmarried.

e5. Lyman A. Scott, m. Persis Browning. Had issue:

ee1. Elizabeth Scott, m. Kenneth Graham; live in Marion, Illinois. Had issue:

eee1. One daughter.

e6. Curtis R. Scott, m. Marie Robbs. Had issue:

ee1. Ellade Scott, m. Ray Cox; live in Cobden, Illinois. Had issue:

eee1. David Scott Cox.

4. Sarah Minerva (Sally) King, b. May 3, 1812; d. September 9, 1858; m. March 22, 1832, David A. Floyd, b. March 16, 1812, d. February

25, 1863; lived on farm three miles north of Golconda, Illinois, and was a prosperous farmer

and good citizen. Had issue:

a. James King Floyd, b. January 19, 1833; d. March 21, 1917; m. February 7, 1861; Sarah Jane Story, b. July 13, 1842, d. October 21, 1908; owned and resided on good farm three miles north of Golconda, Illinois; was elected sheriff of Pope County, Illinois, one term of four Had issue: years.

a1. Alonzo Halleck Floyd, b. December 22, 1861; m. Lura Robertson, who d. in 1939; no issue.

a2. Rosa Eugene Floyd, b. May 7, 1863; m. William H. Carr. Had issue:

aa1. Ralph Carr, b. 1890; d. 1890.

aa2. Laune Carr, b. 1895; d. 1925.

aa3. Cecil Carr, b. 1897.

a3. Eugene Logan Floyd, b. September

28, 1864; d. August 28, 1913; unmarried.

a4. Frederick Floyd, b. December 23, 1866; m. Olive Carr; live near Golconda, Illinois. Had issue:

aa1. Maud Marie Floyd, b. June 27, 1895; m. Will Abbott.

aa2. Clara Octavia Floyd, b. September 4, 1900; m. Merril Davis, October 17, 1926; live at Golconda, Illinois.

a5. Kate Floyd, b. June 21, 1869; m.

Drew Flanery, who d.; no issue.

a6. Infant son, b. October 4, 1871; d. October 7, 1871.

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a7. Bertha Ellen Floyd, b. February 24,

1873; m. John Foreman. Had issue:

aa1. Lucille Foreman, b. 1912; d.

1920.

a8. Loren Floyd, b. February 11, 1877; m. Amby Sutherland; live near Lemoore, California. Had issue:

aa1. Wayne Floyd.

b. Jonathan Clemens Floyd, b. August 8, 1835; d. in infancy.

c. Mary Elizabeth Floyd, b. February 12,

1837; d.

d. William Spencer Floyd, b. August 5, 1838; d. in childhood.

e. Margaret Jane Floyd, b. June 20,

1841; d.

f. Sarah M. Floyd, b. May 2, 1844; d.

g. Priscilla A. Floyd, b. July 13, 1847; d. in infancy.

5. James King, never m.

6. Ann King, never m.

II. Usher Clemens, b. October 26, 1795; probably d. unmarried.

III. Samuel Clemens, b. January 18, 1798;

probably d. unmarried.

IV. David B. Clemens, b. May 20, 1800; leading farmer and fruit grower and highly respected citizen of Livingston County, Kentucky; m. Lena Galaspy, of a prominent pioneer family of Western Kentucky; lived on farm near Carrsville, Kentucky, improved with comfortable home, orchard, shade trees, and flowers, but

nothing is left to mark the site of this home save waves of tiny snowdrops that bravely bloom each May, though the one who planted them has been dead more than a century. They had the following children:

1. Kate Clemens, who m. 1st Esquire S. D. Hemphill, well-to-do farmer, a Justice of the Peace and prominent citizen living a few miles west of Golconda, Illinois; after his death she m. 2nd Mr. Collier, and they went South, since unknown; no children.

2. Usher Clemens, killed in battle of Shiloh, fighting for the Union.

3. Jane Clemens, m. Tom Thompson; no further information.

V. Sarah Lusk Clemens, b. November 29, 1802; probably d. unmarried.

VI. Jeremiah (Jerry) Clemens, b. February 6, 1807; was a prominent farmer and citizen of Livingston County, Kentucky; he owned and operated farm near Carrsville; m. 1st Amanda Warford, who became mother of 2 children, viz.:

- 1. Thomas M. Clemens, also a prosperous farmer in Livingston County, Kentucky; m. 1st Martha Ann (Mattie) Boyd, by whom he had four children; 2nd Sarah Parmela Boyd, sister of his first wife, by whom he had two children. Had issue:
- a. Cagie Clemens, m. J. W. Joiner; live at Princeton, Caldwell County, Kentucky. Had issue:

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a1. Harry Joiner, m. Pearl James; live at Princeton, Caldwell County, Kentucky. Had issue:

aal. Marguerite Joiner, unmarried.

aa2. Harry Joiner, Jr., twin, un-

married.

aa3. Catherine Joiner, twin, un-

married.

aa4. Dorothea Joiner, unmarried.

aas. Virginia Maude Joiner, unmar-

ried.

a2. Willis Joiner, m. Beulah Carter; live at Paducah, Kentucky. Had issue:

aa1. Margery Joiner.

aa2. Willis Joiner, Jr.

aa3. Freeman Joiner.

aa4. Irvin Gene Joiner.

a3. Gus Joiner, m. Clara Shrenk; live at Paducah, Kentucky. Had issue:

aa1. Dorris Joiner.

aa2. James Joiner.

aa3. Charles Allen Joiner.

a4. Maude Joiner, m. Lonnie Steger; live at Carrsville, Kentucky; no children.

as. Webb Joiner, m. Electa Miller;

live at Paducah, Kentucky. Had issue:

aa1. Billie Joe Joiner.

aa2. June Joiner.

aa3. James Webb Joiner.

b. James J. Clemens, m. Frances Augusta (Gussie) Wright; live on a farm near Carrsville, Kentucky. Had issue:

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b1. Mattie Clemens, m. Ray Speese; live at Rosiclare, Illinois. Had issue:

bb1. Iola Juanita Speese.

bb2. Durward Speese.

bb3. Dural Speese.

bb4. Dale Owen Speese.

bbs. D. Ray Speese.

b2. Iva Clemens, m. H. V. Walker; d.; Mr. Walker and children live at Berry's Ferry, Kentucky. Had issue:

bb1. Rudell James Walker.

bb2. Howard Vernon Walker.

b3. Ila Dean Clemens, m. William Threlkeld; live in Lola, Kentucky. Had issue:

bb1. Melva Dean Threlkeld.

bb2. William Eugene Threlkeld.

c. Mollie Clemens, d. in childhood.

d. William Thomas Clemens, m. Lenamae Little; live near Kuttawa, Kentucky. Had issue:

d1. Thomas William Clemens, m. Bertha Mae Crisp; live at Kuttawa, Kentucky. Had issue:

dd1. Richard Casper Clemens, d.

d2. Mary Catheran Clemens, m. Roy Bradly; d. Had issue:

dd1. Herman Bradly; m.; live at Junction, Gallatin County, Illinois. Had issue:

dd2. Annie Bradly, m.; no children;

live at Junction, Gallatin County, Illinois.

dd3. Mary Bradly, d.

dd4. Paulean Bradly, unmarried; lives at Junction, Gallatin County, Illinois.

d3. Mamie Clemens, m. James G. Odom; live at Eddyville, Kentucky. Had issue:

dd1. William Thomas Odom, m.

Lucie Timmons; live at Eddyville, Kentucky. Had issue:

ddd1. Harold Gene Odom, d.

dd2. Larance Odom, unmarried;

lives at Eddyville, Kentucky.

dd3. Sarah Mae Odom, m. Floyd Dalton; live at Eddyville, Kentucky. Had issue:

ddd1. Larance Floyd Dalton. ddd2. Eugene Philip Dalton.

dd4. Eugene Odom, unmarried; lives at Eddyville, Kentucky.

d4. Sallie Mae Clemens, d.

d5. Mark Barnet Clemens, unmarried; lives at Kuttawa, Kentucky.

d6. Iva Frances Clemens, d.

d7. Wilford M. Clemens, d.

- e. Jonathan Wesley Clemens, m. Mabel Love; lived on farm near Carrsville, Kentucky; d. November 1, 1938; no children.
- 2. Margaret Clemens, m. James Brown; d. young. Had issue:

a. One child.

Jeremiah Clemens m. 2nd Jane McIlroy Shields, who became the mother of 6 children, viz.: The same of the sa

3. Elizabeth (Betty) Clemens, m. John Beach, who d. Had issue:

a. Ida Beach, m. John W. Wright, who

d.; lives at Levias, Kentucky. Had issue:

a1. Eugene Wright, m. Osa Gellis; d. 1936; widow lives at Marion, Kentucky.

b. Eugene Beach, d. 1919.

- 4. Minerva Clemens, m. Tolley Davis. Had issue:
  - a. Joe Davis, d. at 10 years of age.

b. Child, d. in infancy.

5. Mariah Clemens, d. at 13 years of age.

- 6. Almareen Clemens, m. Mollie Schumaker Osborn. Had issue:
- a. Jesse Thomas Clemens, m. Jessie Thorp; d. November 30, 1932. Had issue:

a1. Opal Clemens.

a2. Stella Clemens.

a3. Cleetis Clemens.

b. John C. Clemens, m. Lettie Carlton; live in Wauchula, Florida; successful business man; member of company dealing in Florida fruits. Had issue:

b1. Ruth Clemens, m. Shirley Daughtry. Had issue:

bb1. Patricia Parker Daughtry, b.

b2. James Carlton Clemens.

c. Bethel Clemens, d.

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d. Cleo Clemens, m. Bunk Perryman; live at Louisville, Kentucky. Had issue:

d1. Louie Perryman.

d2. Floyd Perryman.

e. Coy Corbet Clemens, m. Iva Horning; d.; no children.

f. Grace Marie Clemens, d.

7. Francis Usher Clemens, m. Mary Ellen Trimble; had issue:

a. Robert Bruce Clemens, d. at 2 years

of age.

b. Minerva Azelie Clemens, m. 1st Wallace J. Bennett, of Tolu, Kentucky, who was drowned; 2nd Joe Love; live at Carrsville, Kentucky. Had issue:

b1. Leora W. (Jimmie) Bennett, m. 1st Walter M. Carr of Calvert City, Kentucky; 2nd Henry H. Bennett; live at Carrsville, Kentucky. Had issue by first marriage:

bb1. Reed J. Carr, unmarried.

bb2. Lucy Alice Carr, unmarried. by second marriage:

bb3. Alfred Judson Bennett, un-

married.

bb4. Wallace John Bennett. bb5. Alben Trice Bennett.

c. Ruth Clemens, m. Hugh Bennett; live at Lola, Kentucky. Had issue:

c1. Anna Louise Bennett, m. Richard Moore; live at Tolu, Kentucky. Had issue:

cc1. Ruth Elizabeth Moore.

cc2. Hellen Louise Moore.

cc3. Peggy Jean Moore.

cc4. Carolyn Sue Moore.

ccs. Mary Warren Moore, twin.

cc6. Richard Bennett Moore, twin. cc7. Joanne Moore.

d. Ann Mary Clemens, m. W. D. Mahan; live at Hampton, Kentucky. Had issue:

d1. William Maurice Mahan, unmar-

ried.

d2. Mildred Ellen Mahan, m. Carney Ramer; live at Bayou, Kentucky. Had issue: dd1. Carney Oneil Ramer.

e. Kate Clemens, m. Harry E. Crawford;

live at Lola, Kentucky. Had issue:

e1. Virgil Clemens Crawford, m. Sybil Kimsey. Had issue:

eel. Patsey Ann Crawford.

e2. Ollie Gilbert Crawford, unmarried.

e3. Mary Lou Crawford, m. Floyd Watson; live at Lola, Kentucky; no children.

e4. James H. Crawford, unmarried.

f. Leora Clemens, d. at 8 years of age.

g. Marion Alvin Clemens, m. Annie Laurie Fitzgerald. Had issue:

g1. Marion Alvin Clemens, Jr., un-

married.

h. Loren Usher Clemens, m. Elva Threlkeld; live at Rosiclare, Illinois. Had issue:

h1. Mary Dale Clemens, b. May 13,

1926; d. May 13, 1937.

- i. Arthur Lucien Clemens, m. Sophia Alda Spees; live at Eddyville, Kentucky. Had issue:
  - i1. Mary Adline Clemens.
  - i2. Robert Lucien Clemens.

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i3. Sophia Sue Clemens, d.

8. Jerrie Ann Clemens, m. Usher W. Robertson. Had issue:

a. George Otis Robertson.

- b. Clemens Usher Robertson, Colorado Springs, Colorado.
  - c. Almareen Robertson.
- d. Thomas Mark Robertson, Calhan, Colorado.
  - e. Nora Clemens Robertson.

VII. The Jonathan R. Clemens Family. (Prepared by J. D. Clemens, grandson, 4518 North Winchester Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.)

Jonathan R. Clemens, son of Gershom and Jane Usher Clemens, b. May 24, 1811; m. Minerva Robertson May 10, 1831; lived near

Carrsville, Kentucky. Had issue:

1. Walter Pinkney Clemens, b. near Carrsville, Kentucky, December 3, 1832; d. Dixon Springs, Pope County, Illinois, March 25, 1926, age 93 years, 3 months, 23 days; m. Levina Judson (McMurry) at Elizabethtown, Illinois, March 15, 1865. She was b. August 15, 1845; d. October 27, 1927, age 82 years, 2 months, 12 days. They lived for many years on their farm near Marion, Kentucky. All their children were b. there, their first two d. young; in 1890 they moved first to Texas, later to Pope County, Illinois, near Dixon Springs, where they spent about 35 years; they are buried in the cemetery at Mount Zion, ten miles west of Golconda, Illinois. (God bless their memory.) Their

greatest care in life was to rear their children to be honest, upright, God-fearing men and women. Had issue:

a. Anna Laura Clemens, b. January 14, 1866; d. in infancy.

b. Minnie Lee Clemens, b. April 25,

1867; d. November 7, 1880.

c. Jonathan R. Clemens, Jr., b. March 26, 1870; d. April 3, 1908; m. Iva Bartley of Cleburn, Texas; widow resides at Ft. Worth, Texas; no children.

d. Isaac Newton Clemens, b. July 6, 1872; m. Cora J. Modglin, December 6, 1896; he and his wife operate a general store and post office at Dixon Springs, Illinois; they are leaders in the church. Had issue:

d1. James Dewey Clemens, b. June 26, 1898; m. Aline Quinn, June 2, 1918; live at Ardmore, Oklahoma. Had issue:

dd1. Isaac Edwin Clemens, b. April 25, 1930.

dd2. Cora Frances Clemens, b. June 9, 1939.

d2. Russell Lee Clemens, b. September 14, 1902; m. Margaret Fox June 22, 1926; live at Carbondale, Illinois. Had issue:

dd1. Mary Margaret Clemens, b. May 1, 1930.

d3. Ina Mae Clemens, b. September 5, 1904; m. Lewis H. Walker August 9, 1924; live at Grantsburg, Illinois. Had issue:

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dd1. William Clemens Walker, b. May 5, 1925.

dd2. Elizabeth Jane Walker, b. June

15, 1929.

dd3. James Newton Walker, b. September 20, 1930.

dd4. Newton Dee Walker, b. Au-

gust 2, 1936.

d4. Lou Esther Clemens, b. October 17, 1907; m. Roy Charles Manchester, September 1, 1928. Had issue:

dd1. Charles Roy Manchester, b.

April 2, 1933.

dd2. Robert Clemens Manchester,

b. March 29, 1936.

e. James DeWitt Clemens, b. October 9, 1874; m. 1st Della Lee Cletcher, April 23, 1901, who d. November 6, 1911, buried in Shedville Cemetery, Pope County, Illinois; 2nd Stella W. Aplin, April 1, 1923; live in Chicago, Illinois; he is prominent citizen; elected County Commissioner for three three-year terms, 1915–1924, for Pope County, Illinois; Chairman 1918–1924. Stella was teacher and also elected County Superintendent of schools of Pope County from August 4, 1919, to August 4, 1923; is teaching in the schools of Chicago. Had issue by first marriage only:

e1. Wayne Clemens, m. Grace Kirk, September, 1924; was lawyer in Chicago, Illinois; moved to Kansas City, Missouri, where he is with the Chamber of Commerce. Had issue:

ee1. Wayne Kirk Clemens.

ee2. John Clemens, twin, b. December 13, 1939.

ee3. David Clemens, twin, b. December 13, 1939.

- f. Rose Anice Clemens, b. February 8, 1877; m. Wm. L. Baker, May 28, 1893; live at Golconda, Illinois. Had issue:
  - f1. Truman C. Baker.
  - f2. Irene Baker.

g. William Walter Clemens, b. October 10, 1878; d. July 5, 1932; never m.

h. Sophia E. Clemens, b. August 7, 1882; m. Dr. C. E. Kidd, November 24, 1903; he d. February 23, 1905; widow lives at Paducah, Kentucky; no children.

i. Louretta Jane Clemens, b. April 9, 1884; m. Dr. O. R. Kidd, July 26, 1903; live at Paducah, Kentucky; no children.

j. Clara Minerva Clemens, b. October 16, 1887; m. Roy O. Phelps, September 3, 1932; live near Dixon Springs, Illinois. Had issue:

> j1. Roy Everett Phelps. j2. Levina Loucille Phelps.

2. Dr. James Newton Clemens, b. April 5, 1835; d. May 31, 1912; m. Sophia Crotzer; was successful physician at Carrsville, Kentucky, where they are both buried; no children.

3. William Wallace Clemens, b. September 29, 1839; d. November 19, 1915; m. Anice Marian Fellows, b. January 19, 1847; was a fine lawyer and judge at Marion, Illinois, until his

death; he and his wife are both buried there. Had issue:

- a. Andrew Clemens, b. April 12, 1871; m.; no issue.
- b. Lou Clemens, b. May 5, 1873; m. Frank Joyner. Had issue:

b1. Frank Joyner, Jr.

b2. Grace Joyner.

b3. Ruth Joyner.

VIII. Robert Clemens, who was a twin brother of Jane Clemens Thompson, went to Missouri and all trace of the family was lost; b. December 5, 1813.

IX. Jane Clemens, twin, b. December 5, 1813; m. Gordon Thompson, December 24, 1839; d. November 8, 1862. (Names of her children and their families will be found in the history of Gordon Thompson.)

X. James Ford Clemens, b. April 1, 1819; became a fine doctor; practiced at Lola, in Livingston County, Kentucky; much loved by the entire community, where he raised a large family; m. Louisa Robertson. Had issue:

1. Nancy Jane Clemens, m. Green Bellamy. Had issue:

a. Lilly Bellamy, d.; no issue.

- 2. Caroline Clemens, m. 1st Mr. Corn, who d.; 2nd Will Wright. Had issue:
- a. Finis Corn, lives in Missouri or Arkansas.
  - b. Liscus Wright, m.; d. Had issue:

- c. Lurah Wright, d. at the age of 12 years.
- 3. Mary Catherine (Kate) Clemens, m. Will Small. Had issue:
  - a. Henrie Small, d.; no issue.
- 4. Thomas Adlade (Addie) Clemens, m. Marshall Davis. Had issue:
- a. Amry Marshal Davis, m. Addie Tyner; live at Lola, Kentucky. Had issue:
- a1. Reed Davis, m. Ruby Williams; live at Salem, Kentucky. Had issue:
  - aal. Parvin Davis.
  - aa2. Harold Davis.
  - aa3. Melba Davis.
  - aa4. Margarette Davis.
  - aas. Talmage Davis.
  - aa6. Maxie Davis.
  - aa7. Marline Davis.
  - aa8. Irene Davis.
- a2. Fern Davis, m. A. B. Chadwick. Had issue:

aa1. A. B. Chadwick, Jr.

- a3. Reginald Davis; worked for Western Union at Corinth, Mississippi; d. at the age of 22 years.
- a4. Hal Davis, m. Tennie Hearell. Had issue:
  - aa1. Florene Davis.
  - aa2. Floy Davis.
  - aa3. Hollis Davis.
  - aa4. Delmar Davis.
  - aas. Jo-Ann Davis.

aa6. Fern Davis. aa7. Hallie Davis.

b. Dr. William Clemens Davis, m. 1st Clarissa Elliott; 2nd Mrs. Lora Nelson Jameson, live at Smithland, Kentucky. Had issue by first wife only:

b1. Mary Davis, m. Frank McGhee, a lawyer at Knoxville, Tennessee. Had issue:

bb1. Two children.

b2. Chester Davis, m. Jean Trail. Had issue:

bb1. One child.

b3. Calvin Davis, unmarried.

5. Henry Clemens, d. in 1882, unmarried.

6. Walter S. Clemens, m. 1st Mattie Lemon; 2nd Margaret (Maggie) Yates; 3rd Mrs. Mary Barnett; d. in St. Louis. Had issue by second wife only:

a. Twin, d. in infancy.

b. Roy Yates Clemens, twin; lives in Kansas City, Missouri.

7. Elizabeth Clemens, d. unmarried, December 25, 1932.

8. Josephine Clemens, d. unmarried.

- 9. Louella Clemens, m. Jesse D. Foley. Had issue:
  - a. Roy Foley, d. in childhood.
  - b. Maude Foley, d. in childhood.

c. Ralph Foley, d.

d. Mark Foley, m. Ethel Williams, in 1914; live in Rosiclaire, Illinois. Had issue:

d1. Louise Foley, b. 1915; m. Wood-

row Frailey, Assessor and Treasurer of Hardin County, Illinois. Had issue:

dd1. Sharon Lynne Frailey, b. 1935. dd2. Janice Dianne Frailey, b. 1939.

d2. J. D. Foley, Jr., b. 1918; served in the army for four years.

d3. Faye Foley, b. 1923. d4. Delores Foley, b. 1930.

10. Dock Clemens, d. in childhood.

XI. Gershom Clemens, Jr., b. March 9, 1821; m. Mary Lemen. Had issue:

1. Frank Clemens, d.

2. Jack Clemens, last heard from in the state of Colorado.



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